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ORGANIZED LABOR SUPPORT ROLLS IN FOR SALINAS STRIKE, ANSWER TO BOSS ATTACK

CAL. AFL SHARP IN ATTACK ON HIGHWAY COPS

Blast Merriam; SUP Backed To Represent Coast Sailors

SACRAMENTO.—The 600 delegates to the California Federation of Labor convention marched in full force on Thursday around the state capitol, in protest against the attacks by the state highway police against the Salinas strikers.

SACRAMENTO. — A special session of the State Federation convention Thursday night voted to appeal to the Railway Brotherhoods to assist in a ban on "hot" lettuce.

Late Thursday night James Hopkins, J. W. Buzzell and John D. Shoemaker of the I.L.A. local 38-79, were the three leaders in the race for the presidency of the State Federation of Labor. Hopkins received 33,562 votes; Buzzell, 23,929; Shoemaker, 19,647. There was to be a runoff.

Vice-presidents elected include Harry Bridges and Mahaffey of the ILA.

George Kidwell, San Francisco Bakery Wagon Drivers, was elected State Federation delegate to the A.F.L. convention at Tampa in November.

The convention voted initiation of a recall movement against Gov. Merriam if he continues to allow lawless terror by the state highway police in the Salinas area.

The convention agreed to a plan for six mediators, three appointed by the State Federation, three by the growers, for the Salinas strike.

SACRAMENTO — The Salinas strike and the terror against the strike on the part of state highway police and other growers' auxiliary forces overshadowed most questions at the State Federation of Labor Convention on Thursday.

The 600 delegates to the con-

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600 Upholsterers Strike L.A. Shops

LOS ANGELES—Six hundred upholstery workers are picketing 22 shops here following a lockout of Upholsterers Union Local 15 members.

The lockout came after failure of shop committees and employers' representatives to agree on demands submitted by the union a week before the lockout.

The workers demand a wage increase of about 20 per cent, the closed shop, and complete abolition of section work (a form of speedup).

With granting of these demands, wages would be brought up to $1 an hour.

Employers offered a slight wage increase, but insisted on the right to hire and fire as they please, with refusal of union recognition.

At a meeting of manufacturers of upholstered furniture here at the Furniture Mart last week the bosses decided that when they hire a worker he must tear up his union card.

CALIFORNIA LABOR AROUSED BY POLICE-VIGILANTE TERROR, SALINAS



COMMUNISTS' STATE MEET HITS TERROR

Choose Browder-Ford Electors In Cal.

SACRAMENTO—Pointing out in the newly adopted state platform that the enemies of democracy are the ones responsible for the terror in the Salinas lettuce strike, the state convention of the Communist Party, meeting in the State Capitol Building last Thursday, vigorously attacked the vigilante elements in Salinas and demanded protection of the strikers' rights.

The convention adjourned at noon to participate in the picket line set up by the State Federation of Labor convention around the Capitol Building.

Support A.F.L.

The resolution passed by the A.F.L. convention — protesting terror against the strikers, declaring Salinas lettuce "hot cargo" throughout the state, asking all labor groups to refuse to

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Big S.F. Meeting For Spain

SAN FRANCISCO. — Support of organized labor here on behalf of the Spanish workers fighting for democracy against the fascists will be called for at a "Spanish Night" meeting to be held Tuesday, September 22nd in the Building Trades Auditorium Hall, 200 Guerrero St., at 8 p.m.

Harry Bridges, president of the Pacific Coast District of the International Longshoremen's Association, will be one of the

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Spanish Fascists Suffer Big Losses

MADRID—Fascists suffered heavy losses, despite the assistance of German Junker planes, in their attempt to break the loyalist siege of Huesca in Northeastern Spain.

It was the Fascists' biggest drive to date in this particular engagement. Artillery, airplanes, armored cars and machine guns were used. Government troops retained the upper hand. Several of the German planes were shot down.

From other fronts of the civil war started by the Fascists it was learned that General Emilio Mola, commander of the northern Fascist forces, narrowly escaped death by bombs from a government plane as he entered Sebastian.

The town was being evacuated by government forces who were forced to evacuate it when isolation and lack of munitions enabled the Fascists to gain victories in the Bay of Biscay region.

On the Talavera front, where recent dispatches established the presence of a large fleet of German planes manned by German officers wearing German uni

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JUDGE DENIES QUASH MOTION IN KING CASE

SAN FRANCISCO—Motion to quash the framed murder indictment against Earl King, E. H. Ramsey and F. J. Conner was denied in Oakland Wednesday by Superior Judge E. J. Tyrell.

Judge Tyrell announced he would set the trial date on Monday.

In defending his motion, Attorney George Andersen declared the indictments were returned without legal evidence. He pointed out that there was no evidence in the transcript of testimony given before the Grand Jury to incriminate any of the accused men.

Evidence serving to indict the men was given mainly by stool pigeons, one of whom is a known agent of the shipowners in San Francisco.

King, Ramsay and Conner, all members of the Marine Firemen's Union, are accused of having been responsible for the fatal stabbing of an engineer aboard the freighter Pt. Lobos some months ago.

A King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee has been set up with offices at 112 Market Street, S. F., for the purpose of enlisting the entire labor movement in the fight to smash the frame-up.

200 Strike Santa Cruz Fields

SANTA CRUZ—Encouraged by the Salinas strikers' militancy, 200 Filipino artichoke and brussels sprouts pickers have gone on strike in this area. The strikers demand a 5-cents an hour wage increase, which would bring wages to 35 cents.

Three of the 50 ranches affected gave in to the strikers almost immediately.

The strikers are members of the independent Filipino Laborers Union.

MERRIAM LINES UP AGAINST THE SALINAS UNIONS

Praises State Police; Pulls 'Red Herring'

SACRAMENTO — Governor Merriam has definitely and without reservation lined up quarely behind the Salinas shippers and growers.

Merriam is backing 100 per cent the attacks of the hated State Highway Patrol against the strikers.

He told a delegation from the State Federation of Labor convention that the State Highway Patrol will stay in the strike area.

While he had not up to Thursday morning granted Highway

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Jobless Insurance Voided by Court

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A new court decision of great danger to labor is that of the Washington Supreme Court, which held the 1935 state unemployment insurance act unconstitutional.

In a 5 to 4 decision, the Supreme Court affirmed a Superior Court decision in a suit brought by A. J. Johnson, Seattle, against the Petroleum Navigation Co.

Asst. Atty. General Parr said the state would not appeal the decision.

Herndon Appeal To Supreme Court

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Supreme Court will hear the appeal of Angelo Herndon, young Negro Communist and unemployed leader, sentenced to 18-20 years on a Georgia chain gang.

The appeal will be heard at the Supreme Court's October session. A jurisdictional statement in the case has been filed with the Court by Whitney North Seymour, attorney retained by the International Labor Defense.

In the present appeal the constitutionality of the Georgia insurrection law, under which Herndon was sentenced, is challenged.

State Highway Patrol Led Attack; Strike In Iron-Like Solidaity

Half Watsonville Labor Council Delegates Favor General Strike; Negotiations For Settlement Sought

SALINAS—Sentiment for a general strike is sweeping the Salinas Valley Area. Several unions are reported to have stated that their unions are ready to strike at a minute's notice.

The tear gas bomb attack, led by state highway police on the Labor Temple here heightened the sentiment for a determined reply to the vicious terror raging against the strikers.

SALINAS—A raid on Thursday by Sheriff Carl Abbott and 50 deputized vigilantes on temporary union headquarters proved a bust, for the raiders found no arms in the building.

Walter G. Matthewson, government conciliator, was ordered here to begin negotiations between the employers and Union.

The Central Labor Council here met Thursday night and voted full support to the strike. The Central Labor Council in Watsonville also met at the same time, and while no action toward a general strike was taken, president De Wald said at least half the delegates desired such action.

A. S. Doss, secretary of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, revealed that he had withdrawn his son from high school when he learned that clubs used by vigilantes were carved in the school.

Strikers, revealing a well-knit discipline, prevented any provocations by the police or vigilantes Thursday. The only incident was the firing on a group of scabs by a guard, by mistake. One of the scabs was injured.

With the public proclamation by Sheriff Abbott, declaring a "state of emergency" and ordering "every able bodied citizen between the ages of 17 and 45" to report to him to be deputized against the strikers, the class lines have been clearly and sharply drawn.

All fink-minded residents who responded to this call were armed with pickhandles and other weapons.

On the picket lines women, composing at least 40 per cent of the 4000 lettuce strikers, were among the most militant, and warned by police to stay away from the picket lines, shouted their determination to fight shoulder to shoulder with the men.

The strikers have been heartened by support from the State Federation of Labor convention.

Bloody clashes, provoked by the highway police, deputized strikebreaking elements, as well as local and county authorities and police, began on Wednesday.

Main and Gablian Streets have been the scenes of heroic battle by the strikers, resisting the attacks of the armed forces of the shippers and growers.

Gablian Street runs directly into the barricades erected by the growers around certain sheds selected for scab operations. On this street the pickets met and jeered trucks trying to run lettuce out of the sheds. Before the first battle on Wednesday, the pickets did not try to dump this lettuce. One of the scab trucks turned a corner too fast and spilled some of the lettuce. The other trucks were thus slowed up.

Then the deputized vigilantes, led by Hank Strobel, a leading grower and shipper, came up and pulled guns on the strikers.

Strobel's two brothers, one striking with the Teamsters, another with the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, are among the most active on the picket line, showing how sharply the class lines are drawn here.

One of Strobel's brothers, Gillmore, could no longer stand Strobel's provocative actions, and taught the grower a severe lesson. Strobel, the boss, received a severe beating.

After firing shots, the vigilantes, on Wednesday, faced with the unshaken militancy of the pickets, retreated. They were in actuality rescued by the state highway police.

The state highway police moved into action on Gablian Street and in the gassing of the Labor Temple even though these areas are not part of any state highway.

The attack on the Labor Temple, in which there were several hundred unarmed striking workers, occurred at 5 p. m. Wednesday, after the gas bomb and shotgun attacks on the strikers in the streets.

The workers, driven away at first, came back and re-formed their ranks.

A second attack by the vigilantes and state highway police followed.

After the second attack the vigilantes came down Gablian Street again, and the strikers started toward them. The vigilantes were stopped this time from going to the Labor Temple.

Police Chief Black of San Jose sent 20 special policemen to aid the growers and shippers against the strikers. In view of the growers' cries of "outside agitators" against the strikers, this is the height of irony.

Ford Broadcast Sept. 21st

Radio listeners throughout the West can hear James W. Ford Communist vice-presidential candidate, in a nation-wide broadcast Monday, Sept. 21, over the red network of the National Broadcasting Company. The time will be 6:45 to 7 p.m., Pacific Standard time.

Two California stations will broadcast the talk. They are KPO in San Francisco and KFI in Los Angeles.

Listeners in Arizona and in northern counties of California may find it easier to tune in on KOA, Denver KDYL, Salt Lake City; or KGW, Portland, which will also broadcast the speech.

No San Diego station will pick up the speech. Listeners in San Diego and Imperial Counties and parts of Arizona will find the easiest station to reach.

The California State Campaign Committee has urged that house parties be arranged to hear the speech and discuss it.

MORE SALINAS HIGH-LIGHTS

State Police Do Not Care About Kiddies

The mobilization order sent out by Commander Louis Bloss of the American Legion had to be cancelled. The reason? Too many of the Legion members sympathized with the strikers. As the authorities put it: "Too great an overlapping sentiment among the members regarding the strike."

What a spirit the strikers have! Long-range gas guns, used by the state police, just like in the trenches, and yet at the strikers' mass meetings the determination to stick solid is repeated.

The list of those injured by the brutal beatings and shoot-

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Protest Meet Sun. On Salinas Terror

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Two Salinas strikers, bailed out by the International Labor Defense after they had been arrested for strike activity, will speak at the Jefferson Park meetnig Sunday. One of them will be Luella Branham. The name of the other is not yet announced.

SAN FRANCISCO—Under the auspices of the International Labor Defense, which has actively defended Salinas strikers, including bailing them out when they were arrested for strike activity, an open air protest meeting will be held Sunday, September 20th, at Jefferson Park, 12 o'clock noon.

Elaine Black, secretary of the Northern California district of the I.L.D., who has been active in the Salinas area since the strike begun, will speak.

Resolutions will be presented

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NEW L.A. STARVATION RELIEF BUDGET "SCIENTIFICALLY" ARRIVED AT

LOS ANGELES. — Individuals who have been forced on LA CRA direct relief may now rest easy, for Roy W. Pilling, Director of LACRA, announced here today that in spite of recent budget cuts, "no one would suffer," because the new food schedule had been arrived at only after a "scientific study by dieticians.'

One worker who has been on relief stated that the dieticians must indeed be scientists if they can even figure out on paper, how, with the new slashes in the budget, no one will experience hardships, what with the enormous increase in the price of foodstuffs, not mentioning anyone actually trying to live on the dieticians' latest formula for "belly-robbing."

The latest supposedly painless starvation policy of the SERA headquarters is expressed as follows:

Families of six and seven persons, 5 per cent reduction; families of eight or more persons, 10 per cent reduction; families of three, four and five persons, no reduction; families of one and two persons, a 5 per cent increase.

Pilling, gabbling something about per capita cost of small families against that of large families and this in connection with quantitative costs making qualitative values, has perfect confidence in his scientist dieticians, but it has not been revealed that either these or Pilling live by the miraculous diets laid out for workers broken on the wracks of industry.

BREWERS MEET IN S.F. HITS AT CIO SUSPENSION

Fight Looms At Typo Convention

SAN FRANCISCO.—The 26th annual convention of the Brewery Workers' International, in session here, threw its entire weight behind the Committee for Industrial Organization.

A unanimous vote condemned the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions by the A.F.L. Executive Council.

The resolution adopted, calling the suspension a usurpation of power by the Executive Council added that:

"The delegates to this, the twenty-sixth, convention of the International Union of Brewery Workers of America, most vigorously denounce the mishandling of this important controversy between industrial and craft unions in such a manner as to force a split in the Labor movement.

"We protest the threatened expulsion of the 10 leading unions as shortsighted, vindictive and illegal, and we demand that the executive council of the A.F.L. recall its suspension order and permit the question to be settled by the Tampa convention, to be held in November, where it constitutionally belongs.

"The efforts of the executive council to discipline the international or national unions for trying to extend the labor movement is inimical to the interests of organized labor."

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—A battle loomed at the annual convention here of the International Typographical Union, to line the international up behind the C.I.O. Charles P. Howard, international president, is secretary of the C.I.O., even though the union itself is not affiliated.

William Green was to address the convention Thursday in an effort to keep the Typos away from the C.I.O.

The convention, in which the reactionaries have a great deal of strength, defeated amalgamation proposals for the printing trades; a resolution that "all subordinate unions insert a clause in their contracts reserving the right to refuse to work in a plant where a strike of a sister craft is in progress," and a plan to establish cooperation between the international and Newspaper Guild.

Howard stated that this did not mean the international was unsympathetic with the Guild

Browder Fights Klan Gangsters

TAMPA, Fla.—Barred by Klan-gangsters from speaking at the Golden Eagle Hall here last Sunday, Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President stayed on the scene to fight tooth-and-nail against the reactionary elements here, being cheered and supported by Tampa's progressive citizenry.

Unknown persons forcibly seized possession of the hall from its custodian, bolting and chaining the entrance. A crowd of more than 1000, eager to hear the Communist leader on his first visit to Florida, waited two and a half hours while sponsors of the meeting sought in vain to move the police authorities to action.

Cops Are Silent

A telegram to Police Chief C. J. Woodruff from Browder, urging him to restore possession of the hall to its legal lessees, brought no response.

A protest telegram to President Roosevelt was referred to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings for investigation. The wire, sent by Browder from Tampa, addressed the President "directly as the highest instance charged with responsibility for enforcement of constitutional democratic rights."

The situation recalled the flogging to death of Joseph Shoemaker, militant former Socialist, here early this year by Ku Klux Klansmen.

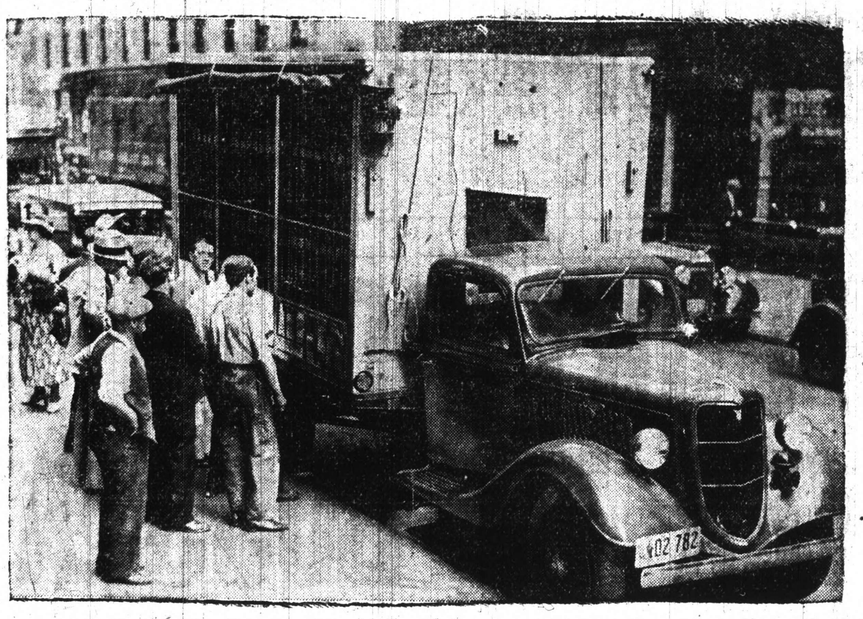
Steady Increase In Cost of Living

WASHINGTON.—Each passing week sees the cost of living lifted to new heights. Secretary of Labor Perkins announced this week that Bureau of Labor Statistics showed an increase of 1.7% in living costs for American workers on July 15, as compared with April 15.

Food costs rose 5.8% on the average in these three months. Wages did not go up correspondingly.

Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

THE FIGHT FOR A BRAVE WORKER CONTINUES



U. S. SUPREME COURT has agreed to hear apeal for Angelo Herndon, young Negro Communist and unemployed leader, sentenced to 18-20 years on a Georgia chain-gang. Photo shows a float, depicting horrors of Georgia chain,gang, used in fight to free Herndon.

Welcome Banquet To Be Given Frank Spector

SAN FRANCISCO. — Frank Spector will be welcomed as the new San Francisco County Organizer of the Communist Party at a banquet here Sunday at 6 p.m. at 121 Haight St.

The banquet committee announced that the time, originally announced as 6:30, has been changed in order to allow adjournment in time to attend the Modesto Defense rally at Dreamland Auditorium.

Besides Spector, the banquet speakers will include Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Party, and Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker. Both are congressional candidates in San Francisco.

Spector will be welcomed not only as the new San Francisco organizer, but as with a long record of leadership of working class struggle in California. He was arrested, framed and convicted under the vicious California Criminal Syndicalism Act Act as a result of his work in 1930 in the lettuce and melon strikes in Imperial Valley. Along with Carl Sklar, Tsuji Horruchi, Lawrence Emery and Oscar Ericson and others he served in San Quentin because of his aid to the strikers.

The charge for the banquet is 50c per plate.

Delegation Asks End of Berkeley Anti-Picket Law

BERKELEY—Repeal of the Berkeley anti-picketing ordinance was urged by a delegation of four citizens in last Tuesday's meeting of the City Council.

In the week previously 44 pickets at the Woolworth store had been arrested.

Clarence Rust, Civil Liberties Union attorney, told the Council that the ordinance "infringed on American rights."

Others on the delegation were Mrs. Esther Blakely, Ellen De Jong, secretary American Students Union, and Louis Broberg, secretary of the Workers Alliance.

National Guard In Rehearsal Against Strikes at Sacto.

SACRAMENTO — California National Guardsmen last week demonstrated in military maneuvers to a packed grandstand at the State Fair here how ably trained they are to assist police in breaking strikes.

Recalling the shameful use of the State Militia in the 1934 maritime strike, many workers viewing the maneuvers expressed disgust at the efforts of the State officials to palm off as military maneuvers what are in reality strike-breaking tactics.

Court Framing L.A. Dress Strikers

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Ethel Goldstein was sentenced to pay a fine of $50 or serve 25 days in jail in Municipal Judge Newcomb Condee's court here, when she was convicted of picketing in the dressmakers' strike of August 7.

Charged with disturbing the peace, refusing to disperse and resisting an officer during the strike, Mrs. Charlotte Duncan and Miss Frances Sanchez went to trial in the same court.

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Cal. AFL Hits At Salinas Terror

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vention declared Salinas Valley lettuce "hot," and called on organized labor throughout the country not to handle it.

March at Capitol

A motion was adopted making it obligatory for all delegates to march at the State Capitol Thursday in protest against the action of the state highway police against the strike.

The delegates expressed impatience at Governor Merriam's attitude to the State Federation committee which saw Merriam regarding the action of the state highway police. The committee reported that Merriam, acting with hypocritical "graciousness," nevertheless refused to remove the State highway patrolmen.

The Governor was blasted by the convention.

A legislative investigation of the highway police action was demanded, and a resolution adopted condemning the use of military equipment and gas bombs against the strikers.

Blast Highway Police

The convention charged the State Highway Patrol with being a police force in opposition to the people's wishes, and accepting gratuities from the employers in the Salinas strike area.

State Federation Secretary Edward Vandeleur was cheered when he attacked the policy of Merriam in the strike, and when he stated that "The State Federation is in this fight and we are going to stay in it. We will not stop until we have organized all agricultural workers in California."

Kasper Bauer, of the Santa Cruz Butchers Union, stated that a general strike in Salinas, and even possibly a statewide general strike, might be necessary to halt the fierce reign of terror against the Salinas strikers.

Called "Cossacks"

In the discussion the term "Cossacks" was often used in describing the state highway police, and they were compared to the ill-famed Pennsylvania coal and iron police.

Frank Menzes of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, Salinas, called for a boycott of all places handling Salinas lettuce.

The resolutions committee on Wednesday recommended that the Sailors Union and the I.S.U. "get together," but recommended also that the Sailors Union of the Pacific be recognized as the only organization representing the sailors on the Pacific Coast. This was carried.

Four candidates nominated for the presidency of the State Federation are:

John D. Shoemaker, I.L.A. Local 38-79, nominated by Moore of Warehousemen 38-44.

James T. Hopkins, Teamsters 85, San Francisco, present incumbent, nominated by Gallegher of San Francisco Photo Engravers.

J. W. Buzzell, secretary of Los Angeles Labor Council, nominated by Gillette of the Musicians.

Robert L. Ennis, president Sacramento Labor Council, nominated by Marsh of Sacramento Painters.

No nominations had been made against Vandeleur for the secretary of the State Federation, after Nunnally of Modesto withdrew.

100 On Strike In Royal Dress, L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Ignoring the bosses' threat of loss of their jobs, 100 workers, most of them members of the I.L.G.W.U., local 235, struck the Royal Manufacturing Company here last week when their demands for higher wages and a closed shop were turned down.

Supervisors Rate Coughlin Talk "Educational"

LOS ANGELES — When the Communist Party applied for use of the Memorial Coliseum for a meeting for Earl Browder, its presidential candidate, the Board of Supervisors refused on the ground that "an ordinance prohibits the use of the Coliseum for political purposes."

Last Tuesday the supervisors decided that Fascist Father Coughlin, now stumping for the candidacy of William Lemke of the "Union Party," will speak on "educational matters" and granted him the use of the stadium on October 25th, "in view of the American principal of free speech."

The Communist Party pointed out that the issue of "education" in Coughlin's speech is utterly ridiculous, since everyone knows the Fascist priest is talking up Lemke's candidacy in the interests of the Hearst-Landon-Liberty League combination.

The supervisors' action must receive the rubber stamp of approval from the City Playground Commission.

Workers Fight Frame-Up

LOS ANGELES—Charged with "resisting arrest, illegal assembly, inciting to riot and blocking traffic," four workers who were arrested when police brutally smashed a Communist election rally on Saturday, September 12th, at Breed Street and Brooklyn Avenue, were arraigned in Judge Landreth's court last Monday morning.

Trial was set for October 2nd, Division 7, Hall of Justice, 9:30 a. m. Workers were urged to pack the court room in protest.

The four workers are Jim Dell, Malone Freeman, Edward McDowell and James Carter.

The workers were given the run-around Sunday night in Lincoln Heights night court, Judge Curtis announced the complaints had not been signed. Attorney Leo Gallagher and Grover Johnson objected to this procedure and demanded warrants be issued for police malfeasance and that the prosecutor be cited for contempt of court. These demands were denied.

Al Lewis, who was held for juvenile court with Bill Berland, was released Monday by Judge Roth.

Boats Remain Tied Up In Monterey Fishermen Strike

MONTEREY—Despite a heavy police guard on Monterey Wharf, the Deep Sea and Purse Sein Fishermens Union kept 10 boats tied up, because of canners' persistent refusal to sign up with the Deep Sea Union.

All but one of the canners were last reported as backing the Monterey Fishermens Protective Association, organization of boat owners.

The Deep Sea Union is an A. F.L. affiliate. The Alaska Fishermens Union announced that only members of the Deep Sea Union will be allowed to fish salmon in Alaska waters.

St. Louis ILA Strike

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Over 400 I. L.A. members on the Federal Barge Line docks are on strike for higher wages. They refused a company offer to return to work at the old wage scale.

PUBLISHERS IN CAL. HIT STRIKE IN SEATTLE P.-I.

Crocodile Tears For Freedom of Press, Which They Deny

SAN FRANCISCO—It surprised nobody to learn that the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. doesn't like the News Guild strike against the Hearst Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The publishers this week adopted a resolution in which the strike was attacked as a "violation of freedom of the press."

What the publishers mean by "freedom of the press" was shown recently when northern California newspapers refused to print a statement by the Northern California Newspaper Guild, in reply to a slanderous attack on the Guild, by Roy Howard, head of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain. Howard's attack, however, was given full publicity.

SEATTLE—As hearings before the National Labor Relations Board continued to show that the Hearst P.-I. management had provoked the strike by firing staff members for union membership and activity, union printers on the Seattle Star and cafe workers joined in an advertisement in the Guild Daily, attacking the open-shop Industrial Council.

Assail Industrial Council

The Council has been vicious against the Guild strikers. It has inserted full-page ads in the Seattle Star and the Times, referring to the unions as "labor racketeers."

The Northwest Printing Trades Council is said to have passed a resolution asking the International Typographical Union convention to grant lockout benefits to P.-I. printers, who refused to pass through Guild pickets, thus closing the paper down.

Communist Meet Hits Terror

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handle the lettuce until the strike is settled—was endorsed by the Communist convention.

The following wire was sent to the LaFollette Senatorial Investigating Committee, Washington:

"State Convention of Communist Party, meeting in State Capitol Building, protests vigorously denial of constitutional rights to striking lettuce-packers in Salinas, the brutal tear gassing and terror and "legalized" vigilantism against the strikers. We demand immediate investigation by your committee."

A protest was also sent to Governor Merriam demanding protection of labor's right to organize, strike and picket.

Harold J. Ashe, Communist candidate in the 14th Congressional District, was elected new State Chairman, and William Schneiderman, State Secretary.

Browder-Ford Electors

Presidential electors for Earl Browder for President and James W. Ford for Vice-President, were chosen:

William Schneiderman, George Maurer, Jas. Tormie, Louis Rosser, Thos. J. Cooney, Leon Vannier, Carroll Barnes, Wm. J. Prater, Mini Carson, D. L. Saunders, Sam Jaye, Bessie A. Keckler, Alex Noral, Harry Schneider, Atanasio E. Torres, Wm. A. Standridge, Mrs. Eleanor McLauchlan, E. L. Patterson, Henry J. Raines, Herbert Elstein Jr., and Peter J. Garrison.

Support Spain Govt.

Other resolutions adopted included greetings to the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism Act victims in Tehachapi and San Quentin prisons, Tom Mooney, Warren K. Billings, J. B. McNamara, Matt Schmidt, expressing support of the Spanish government in its fight for democracy and against Fascism; protesting to German and Italian embassies and consulates the Fascist intervention in Spain; demanding of Secretary of State Hull that the U. S. maintain friendly relations with the Spanish government and halt all aid to the Spanish Fascists; protest to Mayor Shaw against terror and tear-gas used by Los Angeles police against Communist election rallies in the 13th Congressional District; and protests against discrimination against the Communist Party in free speech rights in Fresno and Sacramento.

BUT IT'S OKAY TO STEAL

WHEELING, W. Va.—Two radio cops were under suspension here. They frisked a prisoner of a $20 bill and cashed it. But they weren't suspended for that. They were penalized for failing to make the bill good when it was discovered to be counterfeit!

All Set For Big Ford Meetings

James W. Ford, Negro leader and vice-presidential candidate of the Communist Party, will open his California speaking tour at the Dreamland Auditorium, San Francisco, on the night of October 7th, followed by a speech in Oakland the next evening, October 8th, at the Municipal Auditorium Theater.

A complete list of his California speaking dates follows:

Oct. 7—San Francisco
Oct. 8—Oakland
Oct. 9—Los Angeles County
Oct. 10—Los Angeles County
Oct. 11—Los Angeles County
Oct. 13—San Diego.

No hall has yet been secured in Los Angeles for the Ford meeting. As in the case of the Browder meeting, owners of large halls have been intimidated and refuse to sign leases.

Likewise, the San Diego meeting place has not yet been announced.

Preparations for the Ford meeting were announced Thursday by the San Francisco County Election Campaign Committee. Comrade Ford will be met by a mass welcoming delegation when he arrives at the airport in the morning. An auto parade will escort him to his hotel.

One hundred thousand pieces of literature announcing the meeting will be circulated in the city and county. A feature of the meeting will be a huge float depicting struggles of the Negro people in which Comrade Ford has participated, including the Scottsboro, Herndon and anti-lynching campaigns.

Other speakers at the San Francisco meeting will be announced in the next issue of the Western Worker.

Big S.F. Meeting For Spain

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principal speakers.

Appreciation of the meeting and its purposes was voiced by the Spanish consul here, who issued the following statement to the sponsoring organization, the American League Against War and Fascism, trade union committee:

"The Spanish Consul salutes the important mass meeting in support of the Spanish government which is waging a courageous and splendid fight against reactionary forces for the maintenance of democracy in Spain.

"In the name of the Spanish government I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to your organization for the magnificent work you are performing to enlighten the people of America about the true situation in Spain, thereby placing public opinion behind the cause of Freedom and Justice in Spain."

Besides Bridges, speakers at the meeting will include Dr. G. Facci, of the Italian-American Labor Bureau; Holland D. Roberts, local president of the American Federation of Teachers; Paul Lyons, vice-president of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, and Minnie Carson, of the San Francisco executive board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The Rev. Donald Chase of the Methodist Federation for Social Service will preside.

$717.81 for Spain

Contributions totaling $717.81 have been received by the Communist Party in California and forwarded to the People's Chest for Spain, according to figures compiled Sept. 15th.

The figures follow:

Previously acknowledged	**$678.51**
A Friend	**1.00**
Unit 105	**4.30**
Esthonian Workers Club	**10.00**
D. P.	**1.00**
L. Ford	**2.00**
Mr. X.	**5.00**
V. V. D.	**5.00**
Mr. X	**6.00**
Merced Section	**5.00**
	$717.81

Yreka Vigilantes In Spite Recall Move Against D.A.

YREKA—Infuriated because of their inability to Lynch John and Coke Brite, who escaped their mob violence after being accused of murder, local vigilantes are taking out their spite in circulation of petitions for recall of District Attorney James Davis, charging "misconduct in office."

The "misconduct" is based upon attempts by Davis to show that the Brite brothers shot only in self defense, when "peace officers" raided their camp and shot first.

DEMAND LOWER RATES

LAGUNA BEACH—Demanding lower gas rates, more than 400 attended a mass meeting sponsored by the local American Legion post and endorsed by the Carpenters and Joiners Local of Laguna Beach, of some 65 members.

NAZI REMARKS OF USC COACH WHITEWASHED

College Head Says Vicious Talk Was "Facetious"

LOS ANGELES.—With lusty strokes of a whitewash brush, Dean Cromwell, U.S.C. coach gave himself a beautiful coating and then turned the brush over to Dr. R. B. von Kleinsmid president of U.S.C., who gave him another and thicker one when Cromwell denied that he had intended to make remarks construable as anti-Semitic or anti-Negro in an address last Sunday before a Nazi group at Hindenburg Park, La Crescenta.

On the Spot, Squirms

Following charges made against Cromwell and demands for removal from his post by the Hollywood League Against Nazism Monday night before 1500 people at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, Cromwell twisted and contorted his alibi in an attempt to show that not only had he "meant no harm," but that those who heard his speech and objected to it had purposefully misinterpreted his statements.

Cromwell's policy in speaking he indicated, was to paraphrase the old saw according to the following: When you're in Germany, do as the Germans do In bearing this out, he said, "I've always thought that a good, safe procedure for a speaker when called upon to talk before a Chamber of Commerce group would be to praise the Chamber of Commerce, or to praise the Rotary Club before a group of Rotarians. Consequently, before a German-American organization it appeared to be a good idea to laud Germany with the praise it deserves for staging the Olympic games."

Dr. von KleinSmid, in completely exonerating Cromwell, declared that he was satisfied Cromwell made his address in a harmless, facetious spirit.

Coat of Whitewash

In further covering Cromwell's fascist remarks with whitewash, von KleinSmid said that the Anti-Nazi group's demand was a "ridiculous storm in a teapot," and that no action would be taken to oust Cromwell from his post.

A statement issued from the office of the Hollywood League Against Naziism was that there was nothing facetious about Cromwell's tirade, that in fact "he was positively vicious" and the League Against Naziism is prepared to prove it.

100 Stove Mounters Strike In Culver City Plant

CULVER CITY.—100 employees of the Western Stove Company plant here walked out and shut down the plant.

Those not in the union refused to go through the picket lines. Members of the Stove Mounters Union refused to be persuaded by the blandishment of Henry Homer, production manager who protested that "this is the midst of the busy season, let's arbitrate the dispute."

Homer gave an interview to the "Times" and claimed that the strike was caused by the firing of a man for smoking!

He claimed the union "is practically running our plant."

WPA Planning To Train Scabs For Seamen's Strike

LAGUNA BEACH.—More revelations regarding Captain Gus Baldwin, "school" sponsored by the City Council were made here yesterday.

The "school"-boat will be purchased in Seattle with funds "contributed" by some anonymous "private parties."

Sixteen WPA workers will overhaul and remodel the "school" and the whole project will involve an outlay of "several thousand dollars."

Captain Baldwin is head of the "Coast Patrol", an organization of youth allegedly eager to learn about seafaring life. The whole affair will be operated under a WPA set-up.

DEFEAT ANTI CIO FACTION

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—By an overwhelming majority the International Typographers Union rejected a motion instructing its delegate to vote against International President Howard on the issue of the C.I.O.

POPE AIDS "DUCE"

ROME—By naming Monsignor Maria Castelani as "Apostolic Visitor" to Addis Ababa, the Pope gave indirect recognition to Fascist Italy's new "East African Empire."

Protest Meet Sun. On Salinas Terror

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to the meeting protesting the gassing, clubbing and beating of strikers and their sympathizers, demanding the immediate, unconditional release of all arrested strikers and demanding the withdrawal ow the State Highway patrol from the strike area where they have been terrorizing the strikers and protecting the strike breakers.

This latter demand has already been made in the name of the International Labor Defense and forwarded to Governor Merriam. The letter to Merriam also called for an embargo on the urther shipment of gas bombs, hotguns and other arms to the trike area. Copies of it were ent to Sheriff Abbott, Salinas, nd to the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union strike committee.

Unions are urged by the I.L. D. to make similar protests to Merriam and Abbott, forwarding copies to the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union in Salinas.

Following is a copy of the letter sent by the I.L.D. to Governor Merriam:

September 16, 1936.

Governor Frank F. Merriam,
State Capitol,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The brutality now being used against the Salinas strikers and their supporters and against small children and women by the State Highway Patrol, Salinas police, deputies and bands of thugs terming themselves "vigilantes" makes it mandatory on you to take the following steps immediately to prevent further shooting, beating and gassing of citizens generally and of men and women workers seeking a better standard of living for themselves and their families.

1. Withdrawal from the strike area of all State Highway Patrolmen. The strikers are not using violence. The Patrolmen and other "peace" officers are using violence.

2. Immediate unconditional release of all arrested strikers and their sympathizers.

3. An embargo on the shipment of more gas bombs, shotguns and other arms into the strike area.

4. The immediate arrest and prosecution of all armed, so-called vigilantes.

5. A complete investigation of all "peace" officers responsible for the gassing, clubbing and shooting of workers, prompt prosecution of all those guilty of unwarranted violence, with the severest sentences imposed upon those responsible for the gassing of children.

6. That immediate steps be taken to protect the worker's Constitutional rights of Free Assemblage, Free Speech and Free Press and their rights to organize, strike and picket.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT.
Organizational Secretary.

Southern Cal. Ship Owners Form New Open Shop Assn.

LOS ANGELES — Shipowners in the southern half of California have incorporated under the name of the Waterfront Employers Association of Southern California and have extended the scope of their activities to all ports south of and including San Luis Obispo.

Their purpose is to strengthen the attack against the maritime unions. Eugene A. Mills, president of the former Marine Service Bureau has been named president of the Employers Association. The Marine Service Bureau has been merged into the new organization.

Strike Halts U.S. Cruiser Launching

NEW YORK.—A strike of shipyard workers held up the launching of the new U.S. destroyer Fanning.

The destroyer was bedecked with flags and pennants when 1500 members of the Industrial Union of Marine Shipbuilding Workers struck for wage increases.

Honor "Western" Prize-Winner

LOS ANGELES—Clara Townes, winner of the Soviet Union trip as grand prize in the Western Worker drive last winter, will be guest of honor at a banquet here Sunday, September 20th. She will be in Moscow for the celebration of the 19th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

John Leech, county organizer of the Communist Party, will speak, and chairman will be Pettis Perry, Negro leader and Goodyear Section organizer.

"For a Free, Happy and Prosperous America!" Vote Communist!

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

Graft and corruption go with government dominated by the capitalists, like a foul smell from a sewer.

So long as the profiteering class remains in control of city, county, state and federal government, just so long will there be pay-offs, bribes and shake-downs.

Once in a while, the stink of corruption gets so bad that we see the capitalists stage a "clean government" campaign. Elect "honest men" to office, and everything will be on the up-and-up, say the rulers.

Nothing Ever Happens . . .

But these graft probes are just like the "Grand Hotel"—"nothing ever happens."

San Francisco's graft probe is now more than five months old, and Lieutenant James G. Roche, one of the city's wealthiest "wood-pile" cops, is still on the police department payroll.

We've heard talk of indictments for graft, for perjury, and what-not. But it's pretty cheap talk. And probably after the November election, the Mayor Rossi machine will figure it can now cut out the "clean government" campaign.

Throughout the investigation, pay-offs and shake-downs have continued throughout the city without interruption.

Why Not Investigate Fitts . . .

It's a sure bet that just as much graft, and probably more, runs riot through Los Angeles governmental agencies, to say nothing of the state government.

For example, some very interesting questions could be posed to Buron Fitts, running for re-election as district attorney of L. A. County:

Why do Hollywood movie magnates contribute so heavily to Fitts' campaign funds? Is it possible there's a shake-down, or just promises of benefits?

Why was Dave Allen, former head of the Hollywood Casting Bureau, who was accused of forcing extra girls into immoral conduct to secure jobs, not prosecuted again after a jury at the first trial "disagreed?"

Why has the trial of "Queen Helen" Werner and her husband, "Petticoat Pete," been postponed until **after the November elections?**

Why aren't you prosecuting one of your deputy d.a.'s, a couple of cops, and the son of Oil Millionaire Gilmore for acting as Black Legionnaires in beating up a Negro worker?

Build Labor Party . . .

What can we do with these grafting blood-suckers?

The answer is simple—we can dump 'em, if we use the right methods. And the right methods are organization and more organization of the forces of labor and other progressive organizations, until it includes all progressive and labor forces in a two-fisted people's front, in a California Farmer-Labor Party affiliated to a National Farmer-Labor Party.

And the time to start using these right methods is right now!

Does Standard Oil Run Califoria's Prison Board?

SAN FRANCISCO.—Standard Oil Company must have plenty of influence with the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles.

The board announced last week that parole pleas of the Modesto Boys, seven local maritime workers convicted in the infamous "dynamite" frame-up, instigated by Standard Oil, have been postponed for hearing until December. At that time their sentences will be fixed.

The frame-up victims, all sentenced to San Quentin on terms of from six months to five years are John Burrows, Robert Fitzgerald, Victor Johnson, Henry Silva, Reuel Stanfield, John Souza and John Rodger. Patsy Ziambrelli was sentenced to Folsom Prison.

Anti-Semite Is Held For Trial In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Arrested at 7th and Broadway for distributing anti-Semitic literature, Henry Allen, 57, of 2850 Nina St., Pasadena, was brought before Harold B. Landreth.

Charging him with violation of the handbill ordinance, the judge set bail at the low sum of $25 and set the trial for September 23rd.

Send us news of your union.

PROGRESSIVES' SENTIMENT IS TOWARD F.L.P.

Sonoma County Clubs Urge United Fight For Liberties

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA—Evidence of the growing sentiment for a Farmer-Labor Party is manifesting itself here in Sonoma County in the formation of an independent political alignment of liberals and progressives known as the Progressive Clubs, who have adopted a program with a distinct Farmer-Labor tone.

These Progressive Clubs are calling on all the forces of progress to fight for civil liberties and economic emancipation.

For United Action

They have declared themselves for united cooperation with all other organizations holding similar views.

This declaration paves the way for a united front around such issues as repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, sales tax repeal, vigilante prosecution, solidarity actions with unions, etc.

If they avoid affiliation with the various "third party" movements, with their demagogic appeals, these clubs will undoubtedly contribute materially to the formation of an American People's Front, a Farmer-Labor Party.

Sanders Honored By Unit He Helped To Organize

LOS ANGELES. — Honoring the return from San Francisco of Simon Sanders, former business manager of the Western Worker, Unit C-1 of Goodyear Section, which was organized by Sanders and others, gave a welcoming party here recently.

Comrade Sanders, recovering from a serious illness, assured the gathering of about 50 friends that he could be counted upon to do all within his power to build the Western Worker. An outburst of applause greeted his request for support.

Approximately $20 was raised, to be divided equally between Labor's Red Cross for Spain fund and the Communist Party Election Campaign.

Why Not Tax The Rich As Well?

LONG BEACH—Local "long-hairs" claim the City Council "done them dirt" when book-making was legalized to collect a $3000 license fee from each bookie.

Police Chief McClellan reports a golden harvest of revenue from tango parlors operating here, with 10 parlors taxed $39,510 total in the current fiscal year. The council just boosted the fee to $30 a chair, for a total of 1231 chairs.

Councilman Carl Fletcher (former Central Labor Council president) voted for the ordinance. He mildly opposed the anti-picketing ordinance.

C.P. NOMINEE AIDS VICTORY

Relief Red Tape Cut By 20 Militant Women

LOS ANGELES — Confronted by a series of contradictions which denied them either work on a sewing project or direct relief, 20 militant Negro and white women, led by Louis Rosser, Communist candidate for Assembly in the 62nd District, converged at WPA headquarters, 12th and Santee Streets, here last Monday with demands for immediate relief.

Phoney Doctors

In an attempt to beat down the relief budget at the expense of the women, doctors examined them and declared that they were not physically fit to work.

When the women applied for direct relief they were examined again and pronounced to be in fine physical condition and, thus, not eligible for relief.

The Mexican and Negro women who have been thrown off the sewing projects are offered jobs as house servants at $5 a week, which in most cases have been declined.

With unvarying trickery, Major Dillon passed the "buck" to his underling, Roy Pillings, who finally yielded to the demands voiced by Rosser and promised the women they would be placed on direct relief.

A vote for the Communist Party is a vote for the building of a united people's front against reaction, for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party

"Full Rights For The Negro People," Is Communist Party Election Demand

(Editorial)

ABRAHAM LINCLN said: "A nation can not exist half-slave and half-free."

The revolutionary struggle of the Civil War against the feudalistic land-owners of the South, resulted in freedom of the slaves from chattel slavery. But today the struggle to emancipate the Negro people is still going on.

In the deep South the Negro people are suffering under horrible economic slavery today, discriminated against, terrorized, lynched. The white ruling class of the South exercizes the most brutal terror against the Negroes, particularly when they unite, as they are beginning to do among the sharecroppers, with white workers and farmers to struggle for better conditions.

Terror In California

California is supposed to be a "civilized" state in comparison with the South. Yet, not so long ago, men calling themselves Black Legionnaires, brutally attacked a Negro workero n the streets of Los Angeles. These men were definitely identified as police officers, a deputy district attorney, and the son of the oil millionaire, Gilmore; yet they were never prosecuted.

Negroes are discriminated against on relief and WPA rolls, denied equal opportunity in industry and the professions, in California today. As more and more Negroes are beginning to realize, only the Communist Party stands unequivocally for the defense of the Negro people, as can be seen by the 7th plank in our 1936 Election Platform:

"Full Rights for the Negro People!"

We demand that the Negro people be guaranteed complete equality, equal rights to jobs, equal pay for equal work, the full right to organize, vote, serve on juries, and hold public office. Segregation and discrimination against Negroes must be declared a crime.

Heavy penalties must be established against mob rule, floggers and kidnappers, with the **death penalty for lynchers.**

Enforce These Amendments!

Rights of the Negro people are supposed to have certain guarantees, as embodied in the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, but they have never been enforced, neither in the deep South nor in California. We demand that these amendments be enforced.

In the next issue of the Western Worker, the final plank of our 8-point program will be discussed and analyzed for California voters. Order copies of our complete platform at one cent per copy from the State Campaign Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; County Campaign Headquarters, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

This is YOUR platform, this is OUR platform for the fight against reaction. Read it, discuss it, and fight for it!

MERRIAM LINES UP AGAINST THE SALINAS UNIONS

Praises State Police; Pulls 'Red Herring' Stunt With Cato

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Patrol Chief Cato's demand that the National Guard stand by in readiness for action against the strikers, his every word and action showed that Merriam was all set to ship the National Guard down as soon as he was convinced that the state highway police and vigilantes were unable to do the dirty work efficiently enough.

Merriam tried to arouse public sentiment against the Salinas strikers and their demand for preferential hiring, by introducing the usual red herring, when all other attempts have failed.

Merriam stated he fully approved all actions of the state highway police so far, which includes tear-gassing, shooting, brutal beating of strikers.

He tried to cook up a fake frameup plot against the strikers by saying he believed Cato's lie that state highway police found a secret cache of knives and that the strikers had a secret cache of guns.

Merriam backed up Cato's lying charge that the strike is the work of Communists. He claimed to have documentary evidence of this, but hasn't revealed such evidence.

This charge of "Communistic leadership" is directly in opposition to the statement of State Director of Industrial Relations, Timothy A. Reardon, who said he had found no such evidence.

Another lie by Merriam is the statement that "most of the leaders are from other cities and outside States."

The leaders of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union are Californians, and mainly lettuce workers.

"I am prepared to use every agency at my command," said Merriam," in the securing of life and property." In this statement he paved the way for sending the National Guard. He was trying by this lie about "life and property," to get public support for using the National Guard.

Merriam called the actions of the state police "humane." This is the typical boss attitude toward shooting, gassing and beating up strikers who seek a decent living.

Spain Fascists In New Big Losses

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forms, the government also held its own. Government batteries brought down several huge bombing planes.

In this region it is only this German Fascist air fleet which retards a sweeping victory for the government.

At the same time the government announced the defeat of an attempt of a group of officers to lead the Bilbao garrison to desert to the Fascists after some gains by the latter in the Bay of Biscay region. The officers who staged the attempted desertion were executed.

The government forces in command of Toledo were making every effort to evacuate women and children from the Alcazar fortress, where the besieged Fascists are holding them and refusing to surrender.

More Highlights On The Strike In Salinas

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ings of the highway police and vigilantes includes women and children, among them bystanders who had nothing to do with the strike. When the "Cossacks" get into action, their viciousness knows no bounds.

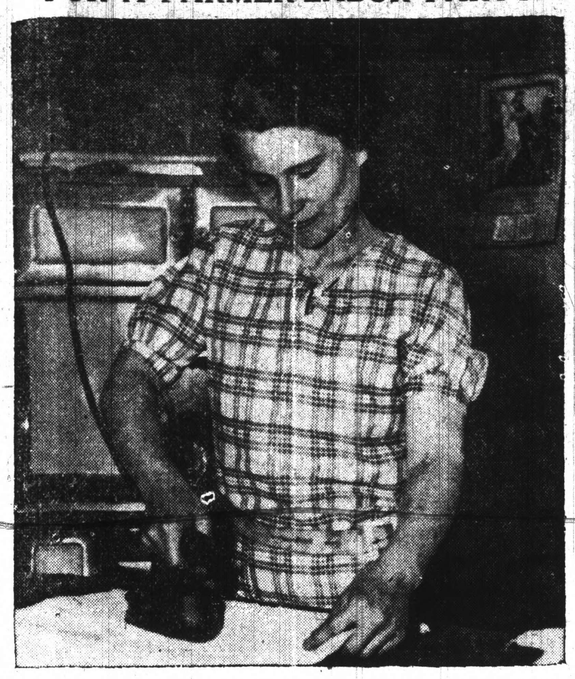
Strikers are getting four squares a day with food contributed voluntarily by local merchants. The union reports that its treasury could hold out for three months at least.

Gov. Merriam, the growers and shippers, try to fool the public by lying talk of "outside leaders." But posses of constables and police have been brought in against the strikers from outside Salinas—from other townships. And where do the state highway police come from? And scabs shipped in from Los Angeles and other points?

The city's three grammar schools had to be ordered closed Thursday because the state highwaymen and deputized vigilantes have so little consideration for children in their attacks. Supt. of Schools Case issued the order for closing the schools.

Oscar Daley, a shoe merchant, and A. D. Lacey, a property owner, are said to be commanding the deputized vigilantes. So far as organized labor is concerned, Daley and any other merchants lined up with the vigilantes are out of business right now.

FOR A FARMER-LABOR PARTY



MARY ZUK, elected to the Common Council of Hamtramck, detroit suburb, on a United Front ticket, is now active in the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party in Michigan. As a housewife, she led the famous meat strike of Mamtramck women against the excessively high cost of living.

NEGRO EDITOR HAILS FORD'S UNITY APPEAL

Forte Holds Gripping Memory Of Speech by C.P. Nominee

CLEVELAND, Ohio — "This stalwart Negro stood on the platform and drove home point after point in his strong argument for a union for white and black workers to fight the common enemy of both."

That's the way Ormond A. Forte, editor of the Cleveland Eagle, one of the leading Negro newspapers in the middle-west, described James W. Ford, Communist candidate for Vice-President of the United States, after hearing him speak at an election rally.

Gripping Memory

In part of a column entitled "Read and Ponder This," Forte wrote:

"Last Friday night for the first time, I attended a political rally of the Communist Party at the Cleveland Public Auditorium, and I brought away from that meeting a gripping memory of a sight that is rare in American life.

"It was the sight of more than ten thousand whites, of all ages, splicting the air with salvos upon salvos of prolonged applause, while on the rostrum addressing that crowd, was a Negro orator, James W. Ford, candidate of the Communist Party for Vice-President of the United States!

Black and White—Unite!

"Suave, dignified, urbane and polished, this stalwart Negro stood on the platform and drove home point after point in his strong argument for a union for white and black workers to fight the common enemy of both.

"There seemed no condescension on the part of whites to listen to this Negro, nor was there evident, in anything Mr. Ford did or said, any indication that he accepted as a 'special privilege' the chance to address this gathering.

Spontaneous Enthusiasm

"Everything seemed natural—regular—filled to the brim with spontaneous enthusiasm for the occasion, for it was a candidate for Vice-President that the audience greeted!

"That he happened to be a Negro seemed wholly incidental, and of little moment as things of that sort go!

"Prior to the meeting at the Public Hall, a reception was held for Mr. Ford at the Phillis Wheatley Association, sponsored by a committee of Clevelanders, one of whom, Dr. Frank H. Hendricks, physician, was a classmate of Mr. Ford at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. The writer, and Editor W. O. Walker of the Call-Post were among those on the committee."

GOV'T EMPLOYEES

Disapproval of the suspension of the C.I.O. unions was voted by the large N. Y. Lodge 1015 of the American Federation of Government Employees.

Adopt Resolutions For Negro Youth

LOS ANGELES.—A youth committee, comprising representatives from 30 organizations, of the National Negro Congress, held a conference here recently at which were presented resolutions aimed to aid Negro youth.

The urgent need of jobs for Negro youth in the National Youth Administration was stressed by Joe Aroff, of the American Youth Congress.

Gus Hawkins, Democratic Assemblyman, came out strongly for the need of projects in districts inhabited by Negroes.

Among important resolutions passed were: Demand for a California Youth Act, to be modeled after the American Youth Act; starting a campaign to raise funds to send Negro youth from the deep South to a Negro Youth Conference to be held in Virginia, November 27th; for a committee to work for government projects in Negro districts.

LEGIONNAIRE IS SQUELCHED AT SPAIN MEET

SANTA BARBARA. — Speaking on "The Civil War In Spain," Dr. Fabian Garcia successfully opposed the disruptive tactics of American Legionnaire Capt. Jack O'Brien, Fascist demagogue, at a meeting here recently.

Dr. Garcia silenced his opponent after O'Brien interrupted with bitter remarks.

A collection was taken, and $30 was raised to aid Labor's Red Cross for Spain, being collected under the leadership of David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

Pedro Fishermen Aid Spanish Workers

SAN PEDRO.—The Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union, A.F.L., voted $100 for the aid of the Spanish workers in their fight against Fascism, and sent the money through Labor's Red Cross for Spain.

TUNE IN ON THESE RADIO BROADCASTS

Schedule of broadcasts for the Communist election campaign follows:

Monday, September 21st, 6:45-7 p. m., KPO, KFI, James W. Ford, "Negro People in the Elections."

September 28th, Sam Jaye, 20th A.D., KROW.

October 2nd, 7:45-8 p. m., KGO, KECA, KFSD, Earl Browder, "Social Insurance and Unemployed Problems."

October 5th, James Garrison, 26th A.D., KROW.

October 9th, 7:45-8 p. m., KGO, KECA, KFSD, Earl Browder, "Problems of Youth."

October 12th, Anita Whitney, 4th Cong. Dist., KROW

October 19th, Lawrence Ross, 5th Cong. Dist., KROW.

October 23rd., 7:45-8 p. m., KPO, KFI, Earl Browder.

October 26th, San Francisco broadcast, KROW.

October 30th, 7:45-8 p. m., KPO, KFI, "Mother" Bloor.

November 2nd, 7:45-8 p. m., KGO, KECA, KFSD, Earl Browder.

HOW ABOUT SOME SOCIALIST COMPETITION RIGHT NOW TO OVERFLOW PEOPLE'S CHEST

San Francisco, Sacramento Show Best So Far, But Day's Pay Collections And Coupon Books Must Be Pushed!

Necessity for developing real socialist competition between various sections of the Communist Party was shown when the State Election Campaign Committee revealed figures on the campaign for funds for the People's Chest Against Reaction.

San Francisco County, with $742.49, including $556.01 on the Browder meeting, is making a better showing thus far than Los Angeles County, with $800.90, including $473.90 on the Browder meeting and $265 on the "Mother" Bloor meeting.

East Bay Lagging

Alameda County is lagging with $180.95 raised, including $95 on the Bloor meeting.

With a comparatively larger Party membership, San Diego is going to have to hump along to beat out Sacramento. Sacramento has raised $79 to $43.04 for San Diego.

Other Counties heard from are Santa Barbara, $34; Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, $20.50; Contra Costa, $23.45; Tulare, $10; Santa Clara, $5; Fresno, $5; Sonoma, $5.20; San Bernardino, $5.

Get Off the Dime!

San Mateo, Stockton, Eureka, Santa Cruz and Monterey have reported nothing thus far.

Very little of the money turned in thus far has come from contributions of day's wages, points out the State Committee, in urging every Party member, sympathizer and friend to donate a day's pay to the campaign fund immediately.

Pushing of the coupon books was also urged strongly. Neither San Francisco nor Los Angeles has achieved very much in day's pay collections or coupon book sales.

How about some real competition, like we had in the Western Worker Drive last spring?

SHAW PUT ON SPOT FOR L. A. COPS' TERROR

Mayor Held To Account By Communist-Led Group

LOS ANGELES—Stubby Mayor Shaw spent an uncomfortable half-hour today when a delegation of citizens headed by the County Committee of the Communist Party faced him in protest against the violence of police when they broke up a street meeting here on Saturday night, September 5th.

Shaw's little Hitler mustache quivered in impotent rage as John Leech, Los Angeles county organizer of the Communist Party, read a communication from the County Committee, particularly when Leech stated:

"We intend to exercise our rights to use the public streets of Los Angeles as well as all other designated free speech zones as guaranteed under the Constitution of the State of California and by the Los Angeles City Ordinances.

"We expect your office in the course of its normal conduct to protect the rights of the people of Los Angeles to so assemble. Your office clearly has the duty of informing your appointed Chief of Police that the meetings organized in accordance with the law are to be protected and not attacked."

But the little mayor's temper nearly reached the exploding point when Leech informed him that "we will conduct a street meeting on the next Saturday.

Police Terror

Despite testimony that police had thrown tear gas bombs and had clubbed not only speakers, including a 17-year-old girl, but kicked and beat bystanders as well, Shaw's contention was that the police "simply broke up a gathering that blocked traffic," and this only upon the advise of citizens who had complained to "humane" Capt. Lytell of the Hollenbeck Police Station.

The pompous little mayor, flanked by his secretary, sly-faced Jim Bolger, and what appears to be his personal advisor and body guard, Luke Lane of the "Red Squad," made a ridiculous picture as he assumed an attitude of ponderous judgment in the matter at hand.

Several times during the hearing Shaw intimated that if the police did not break up these meetings, then vigilantes would.

"Do you refer to such organizations as the Black Legion, which has been running rampant on the eastside and has never been investigated by the police?" he was asked.

Black Legion Threats

But Shaw did not want to hear anything about the Black Legion, stating he was afraid that something might happen which would be beyond the control of the police, and that he had been "reliably informed" that unlawful remarks had been made at these street meetings which tended to provoke vigilante violence.

"If that is true, why don't you have the speakers arrested for Criminal Syndicalism?" Leo Gallagher, famous labor attorney, asked.

Shaw made no intelligible reply.

Shaw ended with, "I'll have this matter further investigated."

Browder-Ford Membership Drive

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September 7th—November 7th

In a response to the Open Letter on Recruiting, addressed by the State Committee of the Communist Party, members of the San Francisco Committee pledged each to recruit two Party members by November 7th.

We are glad to see this initiative and think that similar steps should be taken by every leading Party member and Party committee throughout the state. Challenges should be thrown at each other in a true spirit of Socialist competition.

What are our Los Angeles, East Bay and all other comrades going to do about this?

If the Open Letter has not reached you, get in touch with your unit or county organizer and secure a copy without delay.

(Note—Each week, the Western Worker will carry in this box the latest news on recruiting and the standing of counties and individual Party members during the Recruiting Drive.)

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Build Mass Communist Party!

THE WORKERS on the docks, in the fields, shops and offices, need a mass Communist Party in this state. California demands a strong Communist Party, one able to guide the masses of people effectively in their struggle against reaction!

The shipowners are desperately attempting to drive an open-shop wedge into the ranks of the waterfront workers as a prelude to a general attack on all trade unions. Their attack is centered against the Communist Party because they realize that the chief guarantee of militant, effective unionism is the activity of Communists in the trade unions. What is the most seffective answer to these open-shoppers? **Build the Communist Party in the trade unions!**

Tens of thousands of agricultural workers, in the fields and sheds, must be organized into the American Federation of Labor to form effective weapons with which to abolish the miserable conditions that have made California notorious from coast to coast. The groundwork for this organization has been laid by activities of Communist organizers in the past; leaders have paid and are paying the price of their heroic pioneer work behind the bars in San Quentin and Tehachapi. **Build the Communist Party in the fields and sheds as effective security that these workers will organize into militant A.F.L. unions!**

The pro-Fascist large scale employers of labor in this state make ready use of their extra-legal, un-American terror bands—the vigilantes—to crush labor's campaign to win improved working and living conditions, to crush our democratic rights, to make of our Constitution a scrap of paper! **A strong Communist Party, with influence among the basic workers, the poor farmers, the middle class, is the best weapon with which to rally a wide united front movement, based on the trade unions, to stamp out vigilantism in our state!**

California is known not alone for its reactionaries, its roving, murderous vigilante gangs. It is known throughout the country as the state of more than a million progressives. These liberty-loving masses are for Americanism, for democracy, for the right of workers to organize, strike and picket. They are determined foes of the reactionaries, the open-shoppers, the vigilante terrorists who commit their crimes against the people in the name of a false Americanism.

The crying need of these progressives is unity of program, unity of action, in defense of the everyday needs and common rights of the people. Such unity can be achieved in a State Farmer-Labor Party, with its basis in the trade union movement. **The best guarantee for the rapid and effective building of such a Party is to build a mass Communist Party—now!**

There has never before existed in California such a splendid opportunity to answer these vital questions raised in the life and the struggle of California's masses, to build a mass Communist Party. **The period is critical. Action to build our Party must be immediate and unhesitating!**

The State Committee of our Party has supplied every Party member with varied recruiting material in the special Ford-Browder membership drive—material which will appeal to all those who are ready to join our Party, once approached.

The Open Letters on the drive should be read and discussed by every Party unit and committee and fraction. Pledge cards filled out. Appeals circulated widely. Special Membership Drive application cards carried to the workers. Workers should be encouraged to ask questions on the vital problems which affect them. **Our program and platform have all the answers, logical and convincing ones!** Socialist competition should be inaugurated, and above all—a regular weekly checkup must be held.

DOUBLE THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP BY JANUARY FIRST! EACH MEMBER RECRUIT AT LEAST ONE MORE!

"Solidarity Forever!"

A SPLENDID example of labor's solidarity is afforded by the strike of 4,000 lettuce shed workers in the Salinas-Watsonville area. Teamsters refuse to haul the lettuce. Thousands of Filipino field workers, although outside of the A.F.L., have refused to work in the fields during the strike of the shed workers. Not only lettuce, but all other crops of the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association have been placed on the unfair list by the Salinas Central Labor Council.

This is the first time, in the long history of California's many and bitterly fought agricultural struggles—marked by vigilante terror and violence loosed by large growers against the strikers—that such powerful solidarity has been shown.

The workers are determined to gain the chief demand of the strike—preferential hiring of union men. **Upon this demand hinges the fate and future of the union.** Wage increases, improved working conditions are important—but without preferential hiring these other gains don't mean much. Sheds could otherwise be filled with non-union workers whom the growers and shippers could treat as they please.

This is keenly realized by the growers and shippers, who are ready to grant almost anything but the preferential hiring demand.

The cry of arbitration will no doubt be raised. **But this key demand is one which, affecting as it does the very life of the union, the workers cannot agree to arbitrate.**

This situation is similar, in that respect, to the position of the longshoremen who cannot agree to arbitrate demands by the waterfront employers which, whether applied in whole or in part, are aimed to wreck the union and restore pre-strike conditions along the waterfront.

The State Federation of Labor Convention in session now is in a position to render a great service, not only in support of the striking shed workers, but to the cause of organized labor throughout the state. The Convention should go on record supporting the position of the shed workers, and backing their refusal to submit the vital matter of preferential hiring to arbitration.

Hitler Speaks Out

HITLER didn't mince any words at the Nurnberg Nazi Congress. He dropped all pretence of arming Germany for "defensive" purposes and openly declared that Germany must have the Ukraine—and would like Siberia and the Urals thrown in—in order that Germany might be "swimming in surplus prosperity."

The following day Hitler for the first time hinted broadly at an anti-Soviet alliance existing between Germany and Italy—although the existence of an anti-Soviet pact between these two Fascist countries has been known for some time.

At the same time that Hitler announces his plans for a war of aggression against the Soviet Union, Italy breaks off all commercial negotiations with Soviet Russia, and Mussolini's cabinet votes extraordinary appropriations for land, sea and air forces **"to proportion our military preparations to the necessities of the international situation."**

The time is rapidly approaching when the Fascist mad dogs of Europe will be unleashed against the Soviet Union, in a desperate attempt to maintain the stranglehold of Fascism on the millions of exploited German and Italian workers and peasants.

But the Soviet Union of today is not the Czarist Russia of 1914, when the German armies swept into Polish Russia. Every man, woman and child of the Soviet Union's mighty millions will spring to the defense of their Socialist fatherland.

Workers throughout the world, on the docks, in the mines, fields and factories, will demonstrate their support of the Soviet Union against the murderous Fascists.

Interesting is the poll recently conducted by the Review of Reviews, conservative magazine, among middle class readers, which reveals that in the event of a war between the Soviet Union and Germany even the sympathies of the American middle class would be overwhelmingly with the Red army.

UNITED FRONT!



Seventeen Years Of Our Communist Party

By B. G.

WHEN the whole world was aflame with powerful revolutionary upheavals and great strike movements following the World War, the Communist Party was born in the United States in September 1919.

The victorious October Revolution in Russia in the winter of 1917 gave encouragement and incentive to millions of oppressed working people throughout the world, who but yesterday were dying on the battlefields of capitalism, to fight for the cause of working class freedom. In the United States at this time, we witnessed a growing wave of strike struggles—the Great Steel Strike of 1919, the miners' strike, the railroad strike and dozens of others—embracing hundreds and hundreds of thousands of workers in important key industries of America.

It was in the midst of these struggles in the United States was born—a Party unifying all revolutionary forces for the first time into a single party of the proletarian revolution, dedicated to organize the millions of exploited and oppressed to work for a life free from the parasites and masters living off the sweat of the workers.

Working Class Split

In all the European countries Communist Parties were springing up. The shameful betrayal Second (Socialist) International of the working class by the during the war which openly allied itself with the national bourgeoisie in "defense of their fatherland," split wide open the working class movement and prevented it from conducting an effective struggle against the imperialist war.

Already during the war and especially immediately following, in many countries Communist Parties were established which in March 1919 joined their forces in launching a new international, which has since then grown into an army of millions stretching into the four corners of the world—the Communist International. In September of that same year, the organization convention of the Communist Party in the United States took place.

Since 1917, the Left Wing in the American Socialist Party grew in numbers and in determined opposition to the reformist policies of the then Hillquit leadership. It was not however until 1918-1919 that the Left Wing began to take definite steps, working towards an organizational break with the opportunist leadership. Under the leadership of C. E. Ruthenberg, who became the founder of our Party and its outstanding leader until his untimely death in the year 1927, the Left Wing forces in the Socialist Party matured and developed, winning over the overwhelming majority of the membership. The extent to which the membership supported the Left Wing was seen in the election of 12 out of the 15 members of the National Executive Committee in the spring of 1919.

Barred from Office

The newly elected leadership was not allowed to take office, however, and met the bitter opposition of the old Hillquit forces who began a ruthless policy of expulsion by ousting whole state organizations, the language federations and locals from the Socialist Party.

The Left Wing delegates at the Emergency Convention of the Socialist Party at the end of August of that year were thrown out of the Convention. These forces formed the most important basis for the American Communist Party. But the origin of the Communist Party in the United States gave rise to two parties instead of one—the Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party.

Differences had arisen in the Left Wing around the question of how soon to make the break with the reformist leadership of the Socialist Party. At the First National Left Wing Conference held in New York in June 1919 these differences came sharply to the forefront.

One section, consisting in the main of the language federations, wanted an immediate break with the Socialist Party; while the other saw the necessity of following a slower and more flexible road with the aim of winning over some of the more hesitating elements, especially the American elements in the middle west among whom little activity had been carried on.

These differences ended in the formation in September 1919 of two Parties which divided the Left Wing forces. It therefore became a central task of that period to work towards the merging of these two groups into one solid fighting front—into one united Communist Party.

Palmer Raids

But the Communist movement in the United States in this period not only faced internal problems. Almost immediately after its birth it confronted a life and death struggle for its legal and open existence. Four months after the organization conventions, in the beginning of 1920, a merciless drive against the militant revolutionary movement was inaugurated—known in history of American labor as the infamous "Palmer raids." Thousands of active fighters were herded into the jails. The newly formed Communist Parties were compelled to go "underground." The Communist movement therefore during these years had to conduct a struggle for its existence, work towards the merging of the two wings of the Communist movement and to win other sections of the revolutionary forces, especially trade unionists, I.W.W. and members of the Socialist Party, for the Communist Party.

This period was closed by the formation of the Workers Party of America in 1922 which was the open appearance of the illegal Communist Parties as one united Communist Party.

The characteristic feature of the Communist movement in these early years was its general isolation from the most important sections of the American workers.

Lenin's advice to the Socialist Propaganda League of America in 1915 calling for "the most active participation of all Party members in the economic struggles and in all the trade unions and cooperative organizations of the workers" was not thoroughly understood. In the main, the Communist movement was outside of the labor movement and attempted to win the workers through general agitation and propaganda for the overthrow of capitalism.

Acted As Outsiders

It entered the various struggles of that period not as leaders and active participants in these struggles, defending and championing the immediate demands of the workers, but as outsiders agitating for the necessity of the overthrow of the capitalist state power. The fundamental Leninist teaching that the workers can be won for the policy of our Party only on the basis of their own experience began to be properly understood after the organization and unification of the Communist movement.

The ensuing years were years in which our Party began to actively combat this basic weakness and to establish firm contact with the workers in the shops and trade unions. The Party actively participated in many struggles, led and organized these struggles and solidified the left wing in the official trade union movement who conducted a unified struggle against the class collaboration policy of the A.F.L. leadership.

Wm. Z. Foster, who had come to our Party in the early years played an important role in helping to bring the Party on this road and under his leadership was formed the Trade Union Educational League, which organized the activity of the left wing forces in the official trade union movement.

At the same time our Party worked towards a fundamental understanding of the teachings of Marxism-Leninism in its direct application to the specific problems of the United States, the the American labor movement, background and development of and the traditions of the American working people.

The effort to transform our Party into a Party of the American workers was not smooth and peaceful.

The expression of the still existing immaturity of our Party, its inability to talk the language of the American workers and to intimately connect itself up with the important sections of the American working class, was the inner struggle which developed in our Party represented by the two main camps—known as the Foster and Ruthenberg groups.

With the assistance of the Communist International in the years of 1925 and 1926 this inner strife was disappearing when the death of Comrade Ruthenberg placed the leadership of our Party into the hands of Jay Lovestone, an unprincipled adventurer and factionist known for his double-bookkeeping methods.

Unprincipled Struggle

This internal struggle in our Party, which finally consummated in the year of 1929 on the eve of the world economic crisis, was of the most unprincipled and vicious character and remained the major obstacle on the road to transforming our Party into a mass Party. Lovestone not only was an unprincipled factionist, but he represented within our Party those right wing forces of the entire international movement who bitterly fought against the decisions of the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International.

Lovestone, however, in his typical double-bookkeeping method, conducted his struggle under the slogan of fighting for these decisions, developing for the United States his famous but rather inglorious theory of "American exceptionalism." This theory heralded the 1928-29 "boom" as a period of "unheard of prosperity", the "Golden Era" of American capitalism which would continue to expand and flourish amidst a capitalist world rapidly declining. These prophesies of Lovestone, however, were swept by the gale of the economic crisis which hit the United States with such fierceness only 10 months later.

Lovestone and a few of his "staunch supporters" were finally eliminated from our Party in 1929. In the months preceding this the Party also had to cleanse from its ranks a small group of individuals who had aligned themselves with international Trotskyism under the leadership of James P. Cannon (now a member of the Socialist Party). From that period on the Party began to move forward with a rapidity and firmness that was possible only when the forces of the Party were united and the entire party could be rallied around the task of transforming our Party into a mass Party.

Party Led Struggles

During the years that followed the Party played an increasing role in the struggle of the workers against the effects of the economic crisis. The huge mass demonstrations and Hunger Marches of the unemployed for unemployment and social insurance were organized and directed by our Party. Against the opportunist babble that strikes could not be successful during the crisis, our Party organized and led a series of important strikes which won concessions for the workers.

It initiated and supported the huge Bonus March of the veterans. For the first time our Party also developed a powerful movement of Negro and white unity in defense of the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon placing our Party forward as the most consistent champion of equal rights for the Negro people. During this period our Party also began to show a steady growth in membership.

In the middle of 1933 an Extraordinary Party Conference was called which critically analyzed and reviewed the work of our Party. It adopted measures to guarantee more rapid growth of the Party, especially in the key industries and factories of America. This Conference emphasized the still existing weak ties of our Party with the factories and trade unionists and brought its conclusion before the entire membership in the famous Open Letter to the membership.

Call to Action

This Open Letter was a call to action which met the immediate response of our membership and ushered in a period of more rapid growth and an all-around improvement in the work of the Party.

The Ninth Convention of our Party held in New York City at the end of June of this year

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AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,

California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The State A. F. of L. Convention

FROM 1909 to 1936 no convention of the California State Federation of Labor opened without Paul Scharrenberg as secretary.

It is one of the examples of the change taking place in the California labor movement, that the convention which opened last Monday in Sacramento got off to a good start without him, and nobody mourned his absence.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific did a great service to the labor movement by ridding it of a shipowners' agent, and were repaid by the revocation of their charter by Scharrenberg's pals. Scharrenberg could not even get himself elected as a delegate to the convention from the Office Employees' Union of San Francisco, which he joined after the sailors kicked him out, and where he was nominated but defeated.

Growth of the Labor Movement

The officers' reports to the convention could not help but reflect the growth of the militant spirit in the trade unions, even though the officials themselves have fought the hardest during the past year against that spirit.

The report of President Hopkins predicted that the membership would grow to 200,000 within the next year; the per capita membership at present is 137,000.

Only passing reference was made to the greatest setback of the year, the revocation of the charter of the San Diego Federated Trades Council by Joe Casey and Bill Green, which halted the growth of one of the most progressive sections of the State Federation of Labor, from which the San Diego trade unions will take a long time in recovering.

The influence of the campaign for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalist Law was seen in the following statement from the president's report: "This proposition has been before the State Federation of Labor for many years, and every two years efforts are made to have the law repealed by the Legislature, but so far without success. It is the opinion of many that if a proposal to repeal the law is presented to the voters direct on the ballot, repeal might be won, and for that reason the Executive Council of the State Federation is of the opinion that the matter should be put before the voters for settlement. To date, the Legislature apparently is able to control any drive to have the law repealed. The Executive Council will continue the drive to have this law repealed."

The reports of Vice-President Walter Cowan and Secretary Vandeleur spoke about the need for organizing the agricultural workers and combatting vigilantism.

Vigilantism Attacked

Cowan excused the lack of an organization campaign because of lack of finances, and proposed an increase in per capita tax to finance such a campaign.

Vandeleur charged that "there is at the present time an organized movement on in California to stop unionization of farm labor" and proposed that "legislation of some kind be passed prohibiting Highway Patrol police from performing duties such as guards and escorts off the highways in case of rural labor disputes," due to their strikebreaking activities in Salinas.

On vigilantism, Cowan said: "At the San Diego convention we were vociferous in our denunciation of the use of state police and vigilantes in labor troubles.

"We went on record that if the law enforcement bodies did not take action the labor movement would. The use of state police, vigilantes, tear gas, guns and clubs on strikers has, if anything, increased in viciousness since we adopted our resolution.

"We have protested several times to the Attorney-General, but with the same results, none. Unless we are able to translate our resolutions into action there is little use of cluttering up the records with a lot of words."

The reports did not mention that every attempt by progressives to get some definite action on the organization of agricultural workers and combatting vigilantism was opposed or sabotaged by Vandeleur & Co. It remains to be seen whether they will oppose such proposals at the Sacramento convention.

The report of Hugo Ernst, last year's delegate from California to the A.F.L. convention, criticized the bureaucratic conduct of the convention in Atlantic City.

He reported that he supported the industrial union bloc in the convention, but made no mention of the threatened split in the A.F.L. by the suspension of the C.I.O. unions. Ernst introduced a California resolution into the A.F.L. convention to bar members of the Communist Party from Central Labor Councils as delegates from their unions, and reported that the convention endorsed the "general purpose" of the resolution, but no action was taken to put it into effect.

Large Progressive Bloc

The Sacramento convention was marked by an absence of the usual red-baiting, at least in the early sessions. No attempt was made to unseat Communists who were elected delegates of their unions.

There is a larger progressive bloc in the convention than last year at San Diego, which is the best assurance that a number of important progressive measures will be adopted either with or without the support of the officialdom. The biggest fight is expected to be on the resolution on the C.I.O.

USSR CITIZENS ARE TORTURED IN HARBIN JAIL

Arrests Linked With Provocations On Soviet Border

MOSCOW—Twenty-one Soviet citizens have been flung into jail by Japanese authorities at Harbin, Manchukuo, and subjected to incredible tortures, state reports from Harbin received here.

The arrests are regarded as part of the recent heightened provocations along the Soviet Far Eastern border by Japanese troops and troops of Japan's puppet state, Manchukuo.

The prisoners were arrested without any charges being brought against them, and have suffered terrible floggings by Japanese guards who have been ordered to extract "confessions" from the prisoners that they were engaged on "espionage work."

"Confessions" Sought

Guards force the prisoners to sign blank sheets of paper to be filled in later by Japanese spies with "confessions," or the prisoners are tortured into signing documents in Chinese or Japanese which they do not understand.

Treatment of prisoners is so brutal that even when they had to be sent to the hospital after floggings, hospital attendants were forbidden to remove the chains.

Repeated protests by the Soviet consul in Harbin have been disregarded by the Japanese-Manchukuan authorities.

"DUCE" UNABLE TO CRUSH C.P. OF ITALY

ROME.—That the Fascists are not able to crush the heroic Communist Party of Italy, was revealed here when the government announced that approximately 20 Communists had been arrested at Terni, charged with distributing anti-Fascist pamphlets.

The government said the arrests were made "some weeks" ago, and reprimanded an American newspaperman for cabling a story reporting "the breaking up by the government of a large Communist organization." The newspaperman was ordered to leave the country immediately.

Build the circulation of the Western Worker.

Anti-Mussolini Sentiment Is Revealed

ROME. — Communist Party members holding posts in the Fascist Party while secretly working against Fascism are among scores of anti-Fascist workers arrested in Rome, Leghorn, Grossetto and other cities, it was learned here.

The rising tide of discontent among workers all over the country is being met by a new government drive against all organizations opposed to the Fascist regime.

While the government is making every effort to maintain complete secrecy about the present arrests, it is known the investigations made by Fascist agents leading to the arrests, revealed the existence of powerful anti-Fascist organizations in many parts of Italy.

British Unions Give Backing To Spain Government

PLYMOUTH, England.—Delegates to the annual congress of the British Trade Unions began their sessions standing for a moment of silence as an expression of respect and sympathy for the workers of Spain in their fight against Fascism.

A resolution, adopted and cabled to Madrid, is as follows:

"This Congress, representing the organized workers of Great Britain, is profoundly moved by the heroic struggle of the Spanish people for the maintenance of freedom and democracy and endorses the declarations already made on behalf of the British labor movement, and [illegible] warmest fraternal greetings to our respected trade union colleague, Francisco Largo Caballero, as head of the new Spanish government.

"In confident assurance that they will embody the unconquerable will of the Spanish nations to defeat the forces of Fascism and tyranny, we pledge afresh our utmost support to the Spanish people."

SUSPENSION OF CIO ARBITRARY

JACKSON, Miss.—In a circular letter to postal clerks organizations, Pres. Myers of La.-Miss. Fed. of Postal Clerks declares C. I.O. issue should be decided by convention and not in "arbitrary fashion" by the council.

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U.S.A. FAVORS SOVIET UNION AGAINST NAZIS

Conservative Straw Poll Favors The Red Army

That the sympathy of the American people will be strongly with the Red Army, in the event Nazi Germany launches a war of aggression against the Soviet Union, was established by a straw vote conducted by the conservative Review of Reviews magazine.

The poll was taken among conservative middle class readers, and showed 1588 for the U.S.S.R., 840 for Germany, 280 neutral. Few manual workers read the Review of Reviews, and none balloted.

Foreign Editor Robert Shaw pointed out that "this was a conservative American ballot, coming from all states of the Union, with a scattered vote from Canada.

"The verdict seems to be clear," he added. "A majority of these typical Americans feel that Russia is essentially interested in home-abiding reconstruction, via the Five Year Plans and a new democratic constitution, while Germany is dangerously restive, and headed for plans of foreign conquest in the 1914 fashion. To them it is a case of the plough versus the sword, and of humanitarian values."

To avoid prejudicing voters the ballot avoided all references to "German aggression," the editor stated, "or to Japan—potential ally of Germany."

The vote of each occupational category follows:

	Soviet Union	Germany	Neutral
Business	306	295	62
Lawyers	135	87	18
Doctors	114	30	6
Clergy	39	15	15
Literary	165	48	27
Teachers	180	81	24
Students	45	24	0
Engineers	48	21	2
Clerical	123	42	6
Farmers	30	'39	3

Only the farmers' group, which represents the more prosperous farmers, gave a slight anti-Soviet majority.

POPE LINES UP WITH BLOODY REACTION

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy.—Pope Pius XI lined up with Hitler and his war provocations against the Soviet Union here, when he gave his "blessing" to a "militant defense against the mad forces of Communism."

The Pope also placed the Catholic Church on the side of the Fascists in Spain who are attempting to overthrow the legal government and substitute a bloody, terroristic dictatorship.

He spoke in effect for intervention against the Spanish government when he "foresaw utter chaos if those who have a duty in the matter do not hasten to repair the breach—if, indeed, it is not already too late."

The Pope previously came out in favor of the Spanish Fascists, thus putting the stamp of approval on Catholic priests who have ambushed People's Front adherents, and who have joined in terror against the peasants behind the Fascist lines.

DESTINED FOR BLOOD BATH



HITLER'S provocative remarks at the 4th Nazi Party Congress in Nurnberg, Germany, mean only one thing for the goose-steppers above, and the whole German people. The Nazi butcher plans to immerse them and the whole world in a blood-bath of horror, in a new world slaughter. Hitler reached a new heighth of war-provocation against the Soviet Union at this Congress.

"Send It To Spain," Says McNamara In Refusing Prison Comfort Aid

FOLSOM PRISON—"Send it to the valiant workers of Spain who are fighting to defend their democratic rights against the reactionary Fascist terrorists."

This was the message sent from here by James B. McNamara, world's oldest political prisoner, to the International Labor Defense, asking that the monthly sum sent to him by the I.L.D. for prison comforts be transmitted for the next four months to Labor's Red Cross for Spain.

The request for the money to go to Spain was transmitted through his attorney, Leo Gallagher, because McNamara is not allowed to correspond with the outside world except through his lawyer.

BOSTON—Sympathy with the Spanish workers in their gallant struggle against Fascism, was expressed in a resolution unanimously passed by the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor. The resolution was passed following a speech by Leon Arkin, representative of the Jewish labor committee and the Workmen's Circle.

CHICAGO — Trade unionists meeting in a demonstration of sympathy with the Spanish labor movement and government in their struggle against Fascism, raised $1000 for Labor's Red Cross for Spain.

Fascists Continue "Civilizing" Of Ethiopia

ROME. — Fascist Italy announced resumption of large-scale military operations in Ethiopia, with a motorized column of two detachments of Eritrean and Ethiopian traitors leaving Addis Ababa.

Marshall Graziani, viceroy, announced that a drive will be made next fall when the rainy season stops to conquer all Ethiopia.

Ethiopian guerrilla bands have attacked and defeated detachments of Italian troops at many points in recent months, and even attacked Addis Ababa.

FASCIST PLOT EXPOSED BY COMMUNISTS

PARIS.—Plans for a Fascist uprising have been made by the French Social Party, headed by Colonel Francois de la Rocque, which arose from the dissolved Fascist Croix de Feu terror organization, it is charged by L'Humanite, organ of the Communist Party of France.

At a secret meeting of 30 regional chiefs, De la Rocque issued orders for organization of "shock troops" and told his aides to keep in contact with active reserve army officers, particularly those in charge of guns, so we can place our hands on arms and ammunition at the desired moment," L'Humanite learned.

The Fascist leader also ordered his aides to buy all possible supplies of guns from private sources, L'Humanite reported

War Instigators Give 6-Inch Gun For Student Use

LOS ANGELES.—Preparation for war received a boost here when the University of California at Los Angeles instituted a Coast Artillery unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Special artillery officers were added to the university faculty. A six-inch gun with a 10-mile shooting range has been placed at the university for artillery classes.

The students last year voted overwhelmingly against compulsory military training.

TOWNSEND WITH KNOX

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Dr. F. E. Townsend apparently intends to keep on cooperating with reaction. Traveling on the same train with Knox, Townsend said that the Republican vice-presidential candidate's meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota, was a "fine meeting."

PEOPLE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IN PORTUGAL

Naval Revolt Is Link In Chain Of Anti-Fascist Fight

LISBON, Portugal—Behind the recent mutiny in the Portuguese Navy is a People's warning against the suicidal policies of the present government, to the Fascist rulers and to their British masters who have been helping Dictator Salazar with money, arms and good-will since 1926.

The Portuguese people want their freedom, a policy of non-support for the Spanish Fascist Franco and his savage troops.

The revolt of September 8th is just one more link in a long chain of desperate attempts to restore legality and freedom to the Portuguese nation.

United Front

It marks beginning of mass struggle, under the banner of the united front, of all the democratic forces, workers, intellectuals and middle-class people.

In February, 1927, under leadership of democratic leaders and army officers, a popular-military revolt broke out in Oporto and Lisbon, lasting several weeks. In July, 1928, a similar revolt broke out in Lisbon. In 1931, a revolt in Madeira Islands. In August, 1932, a revolt in Lisbon again, this time led by the masses.

The government now lives entirely on the defensive, in a permanent state of tension and fear, armed to the teeth.

Communists Lead

Courts martial have functioned for months, particularly since the reconstruction in 1929 of the Communist Party on an illegal basis. The number of Communist militants arrested surpasses 600, out of an illegal Party membership of about 4000. Yet the ferocious, mad repression was never able to liquidate the persistent work.

The propaganda has infiltrated into the army and chiefly into the navy's rank-and-file. Frightened government circles estimated the proportion of Communists among sailors recently at 80 per cent—an exaggeration which, however, expresses the political tendencies of the sailors.

The civil war in Spain has been a huge test of the importance of Fascism in a small country and gave a world-wide repercussion to the national and international policies of forgotten Fascist Portugal.

Portugal persists in its intervention policies in Spain. Rather than accede to a neutrality policy toward Spain, Salazar will bring the country to war and destruction.

Religionist Praises Hitler and "Duce"

NEW YORK.—Another religious leader lined up with Fascism here recently, when Dr. Frank Buchman, head of the Oxford Group, stated: "I thank heaven for a man like Adolph Hitler, who built a front-line of defense against the anti-Christ of Communism."

Buchman also praised Mussolini: "Through such a man God could control a nation overnight and solve every last, bewildering problem."

Morocco Sultan Regrets Moors Aid Fascists

RABAT, Morocco. — "Profound regret" that Moors were fighting on the side of the Spanish Fascists, was expressed by Sultan Sidi Mohammed of Morocco, in a message to the French Resident General at Rabat.

The Sultan expressed sorrow that "certain of our subjects could be called to sustain a war without mercy."

Intellectuals Give Support To Spain Anti-Fascists

HOLLYWOOD.—"Spain's Fight For Freedom" was the subject received enthusiastically by more than 1000 persons at a symposium held here recently by the Hollywood Discussion Group and more than $1000 was raised to be sent to Labor's Red Cross for Spain.

The general feeling of the audience, composed of well-to-do middle class and intellectuals, was one of active sympathy with the Spanish government against Fascism.

Dr. Lewis Browne, noted author and lecturer, gave the keynote to the entire meeting when he said:

"The present fight of the workers and peasants in Spain is our fight, for through their victory we strike a blow against Fascism both there and in our own country. It is a form of social insurance for ourselves."

Lionel Stander, film actor, responded as a Screen Actors' Guild member with a dynamic report of his objections to Fascism, namely lack of self-expression and the killing of all creative instinct. He asked for militant action to curb Fascism.

Asks United Front

Carey McWilliams, attorney and author, pointed out that only through a United Front-can Fascism be defeated.

Only sour note was sounded by "truths' friend," Manchester Boddy, publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News, who indirectly supported the Fascist "putsch" in Spain by not taking either side, and concluding that Fascism might not be "the devil it is painted."

Farmers Rallying For A Farmer-Labor Party

SAN FRANCISCO.—"I was especially interested in my tour for the Communist Party election campaign," said "Mother" Bloor, in an interview here last week, "because the farmers are taking interest in the Farmer-Labor Party.

"This is true of California, because many small farmers, in addition to migratory agricultural workers, attended my meetings in Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, and Fresno."

The famed 74-year-old Communist leader said her meeting in Fresno was particularly successful. Held in the City Auditorium, it was preceded by a chicken dinner at the Armenian Club. Chairman of the meeting was President Stanley, of a dairy men's organization.

WATERFRONT WORKERS AID SPAIN GOVT.

Refuse To Ship Arms Bound For Spain Fascists

Waterfront workers throughout the world are doing their bit to aid the Spanish workers' fight against Fascism.

At Le Havre, the crew of the French steamer "Belle-Isle" struck and stayed on board to prevent a shipment of arms for the Spanish Fascists reaching its destination.

The ship was loaded in Hamburg and dispatched allegedly for Argentine and Brazil. The cargo consisted of war material in Le Havre a 155-millimeter cannon was loaded. The crew then found that the ship was bound for Lisbon and struck.

Belgian Longshoremen

At Antwerp, longshoremen refused to load a cargo of 19,000 rifles, 50 million rounds of rifle ammunition, 65000 machine guns, 2500 pistols, and several hundred thousand hand grenades when they found that a large part of the war materials came from Germany. They drew the correct conclusions and refused to load the shipment.

Liverpool, England, longshoremen have pledged themselves to keep a careful watch at the docks for any attempts to send materials to aid the Spanish Fascists.

The French "Petit Parisien" reported that 14 German sailors deserted from two German merchant ships while in Spain, and joined the Spanish government troops.

Returned from a trip to Spain, and "having seen the tremendous enthusiasm of the Spanish people," 80 French seamen donated 312 francs to the Spanish People's Front.

IRISH FASCIST IS RECRUITING FOR FRANCO

LOS ANGELES.—In an "exclusive" story, the L.A. Times reports that General Owen O'Duffy, chief of the Irish "Blue Shirts," has recruited 2000 Irish Fascist troops who will soon be fighting under the bloody banner of General Franco, Spanish Fascist.

O'Duffy, who has been actively enlisting volunteers for the Fascist cause, is meeting considerable obstacles from the Irish workers, other sources report. Remembering their own struggles to win freedom, the Irish workers bitterly resent the move of O'Duffy against the Spanish People's Front.

O'Duffy declared that two of his liaison officers are now in Spain conferring with Franco.

FLA. TORIES STOP BROWDER'S SPEECH

TAMPA, Fla. — City officials here cooperated with Ku Klux Klan terrorists, the Elks, Knights of Pythias and the American Legion in the action to prevent Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, from speaking to local workers here on September 13th.

Mayor R. E. L. Chancey told the Communist Party "there will be no public building available on that date."

The above mentioned organizations filed resolutions demanding county officials not permit Browder to speak.

New Soviet Constitution Is Historical Landmark

By BEULAH KANTWELL

THE proposed draft of the new constitution of the U.S.S.R. is, in most respects, not new. It does not alter existing social and economic relations but, for the most part, is a jurisdicial confirmation of such relations as are already established in the Soviet Union.

There are, however, several proposals which mark decisive changes as compared with the previous constitution adopted in 1922 and still in force. These changes are made necessary by changed conditions. They would, in the United States, probably appear as amendments to the constitution.

New Voting Method

These changes are:

(1) The manner in which voting shall be conducted.

Heretofore, voting was by show of hands of the voters assembled in designated places at designated times, grouped according to occupations in towns and cities, according to place of residence in villages. The entire population did not vote on the same day. The workers of one factory, mill, mine or village assembled on a given day; candidates were nominated orally and choice made on the spot by show of hands. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes was elected fortwith.

Article 134 of the proposed new constitution reads: "Members of all Soviets of Toilers' Deputies . . . are elected by voters on the basis of universal, equal and direct suffrage **by secret ballot.**" (Emphasis mine.)

Direct Elections

(2) Election of deputies is now direct. The method of electing deputies has heretofore been indirect. The deputies of each lower Soviet selected from their number the deputies for the next higher Soviet, all the way up to the Supreme Council of Soviets who were elected from the Soviets of the Seven Constituent Republics.

Article 139 of the proposed new draft reads: "Elections of deputies are direct: all Soviets of Toilers' Deputies, from rural and city Soviets of Toilers' Deputies up to and including the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R., are elected by the citizens by direct vote.

The question naturally arises: Who is going to have the right to nominate candidates for these important offices? There are no political parties, in the sense that England, America and France have political parties representing certain political trends. The Communist party is the only political party in existence in the Soviet Union. At first glance it might seem that such elections are a mockery of democracy.

But article 141 explains how nominations are made democratic and can represent the choices of various groupings of citizens: "Candidates are nominated for election according to electoral districts. The right to nominate candidates is granted to public organizations and societies of toilers: Communist Party organizations, trade unions, cooperatives, youth organizations and cultural societies."

Majority Vote Recalls

The provision for recall of deputies is not new, but is worth emphasizing. Article 142 reads: "It is the duty of every deputy to report to the electors on his work and on the work of the Soviet of Toilers' Deputies, and he is liable to be recalled at any time in the manner established by law upon a decision of a majority of the electors."

Electors, according to the observations of this writer, have never been slow to avail themselves of this right and deputies feel a lively sense of obligation to their constituents. Even school children sometimes send deputations to their deputies, demanding to know why certain promises have not been kept, or why the interests of the schools have been neglected.

(3) Heretofore city workers have had almost five times as great a representation as rural citizens. According to Article 9 of the existing constitution, city workers are entitled to one deputy to the All Union Congress of Soviet for every 25,000 voters; in rural communities one deputy is elected for every 125,000 inhabitants. This provision, necessary at a time when the peasants were still carrying on individual farming, which encouraged the emergence of petty capitalists, has now become obsolete. The overwhelming majority of the peasants are now in collective farms. Their interests are closely linked to the interests of the whole national economy. Instead of an "ally" the peasant has now become a brother and fellow worker in the building of a socialist economy.

Deputies Proportioned

Hence article 34 of the proposed new draft reads: "The Council of the Union (one of the two bodies comprising the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R.) is elected by the citizens of the U.S.S.R. on the basis of one deputy for every 300,000 of the population."

(4) People who once fought against Soviet power and were formerly deprived of voting rights can now vote. This change has called for a great deal of comment and criticism on the part of the population. "What!" they write in, "Is it actually true that according to the new constitution priests will enjoy voting rights? And why give voting rights to kulaks?"

Kalinin replies: "By extending electoral rights to our opponents: priests, former kulaks, former big officials (the majority of whom are old), we give them an opportunity to participate in the life of society, and open up great opportunities for influencing them by the broad masses of the people. There is no doubt that the restoration of electoral rights will not increase the strength of our enemies. Of course, the sworn enemies of Soviet power will make an effort to intensify their counter-revolutionary work; but those who were forced out of the life of society, to whom this environment gave no opportunity to show themselves in action as Soviet adherents, inasmuch as they were disfranchised, will now enter the ranks of the toilers as full-fledged builders of the socialist society. More, the universal elections will give an opportunity to isolate and expose the direct enemies of the Soviet power."

This extension of the franchise to those formerly deprived of it is embodies in article 136: "Elections of deputies are equal: every citizen has the right to elect and be elected irrespective of race or nationality, religion, standard of education, domicile, **social origin, property status** or **past activities.**" (Emphasis mine.)

Another article on the new U. S.S.R. constitution will deal with the Organization of the State and the Organization of Society in the U.S.S.R., chapters I and II. Copies of the constitution are on sale at all workers' bookshops at the price of 2 cents each.

Seventeen Years of Communist Party

(Continued from Page Four was witness to the growing maturity of our Party, its ability to understand the political and economic issues facing the majority of the American population, its ability to speak the language of the American workers and win broad sections for the support of our line and policy.

The Ninth Convention of our Party placed in the forefront of our tasks the urgency of building the united people's front against fascism and reaction—the Farmer Labor Party. The growing sentiment for and the organization of a Farmer-Labor Party in the United States, will find our Party an important leading and driving force through which it will gain the confidence of the broad sections of the American working class, leading them to the path of socialism.

After seventeen years our Party has now assumed its real significance and is today playing a decisive political role in American life.

EAST BAY MACHINISTS CARRY ON STRIKE DESPITE SABOTAGE BY INT'L OFFICIALS AND POLICE

Ranks Hold Firm; Revocation of Charter Fought as Labor's Support Grows

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—Tricked into a situation where they are battling not only their employers but the heads of their international union as well, 1200 men of Lodge 284, International Association of Machinists, are now in the ninth week of a grim East Bay strike for improved wages and working conditions.

"We constitute 25 per cent of the machinists in the Bay area, and all we are asking for is what the other 75 per cent, mostly employed on the San Francisco side, already receive," declared Frank Sullivan, president of the East Bay local.

The story of the strike, as unfolded by Sullivan, is one of top-union treachery so rank that it is arousing protests from organized machinists and other American Federation of Labor groups throughout the country.

Negotiations in January

Negotiations between the East Bay men and their employers, according to Sullivan, started last January, eight months ago.

"And yet, when we struck on July 20, they had the nerve to complain that they had been given no warning and were unaware of any grievances on our part," said Sullivan.

"Our demands are for wages of 90 cents an hour for machinists; 75 cents an hour for specialists; 65 cents an hour for helpers; double time for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; the five-day week and abolition of the speed-up system. These wages and conditions are enjoyed by 75 per cent of our fellowcraftsmen in the bay region.

Strike in Atlas

Sullivan related how the men in the Atlas Diesel Engine Co. went on strike in spite of efforts of the local officials to persuade them to wait. Walter Nash, appointed by Machinists' International President Wharton, took charge of negotiations and persuaded the men to go back to work with only slight raises for certain key men, a slight reduction in speed-up and a five-per cent increase for night work.

But nothing was done about further negotiations. Nash was working closely with a man named Kilbury, an official of the Atlas Diesel Company and vice president of the Metal Trades Association, an employer organization.

Finally, at a regular meeting on June 20, the men voted to give written notice to the employers of their demands with the ultimatum of a strike on July 20 if the demands were not met.

All necessary red tape was complied with. Sanction was finally granted by the Grand Lodge, with reservations. Such reservations were illegal in themselves, because the constitution strictly provides that sanction must either be granted or not granted, without reservation.

None of the 37 shops involved chose to meet the demands, Sullivan said, and immediately after strike sanction was granted Kilbury made a hasty trip by airplane to confer with Wharton in Washington, D.C.

"The next thing we knew we were advised through Nash that strike sanction had been withdrawn," Sullivan declared. "He was instructed to halt the strike and he did his best to sabotage it."

Unanimous to Go Ahead

On July 19, the night before the ultimatum was to expire, a special meeting of the entire membership of the lodge was called and on a motion that the men concur in and carry out the program adopted a month earlier the vote was unanimous to go through with the ultimatum and called the strike.

"When this happened Nash declared the vote had been illegal, both because it was actually, if not technically, a strike vote, and also because it was taken by voice and not by secret ballot.

Secret Ballot

"Then we took a secret ballot, and the vote was 468 for the strike and 116 against, more than a three-quarters majority. When Nash saw that we had won again, he again declared our victory illegal, stating that men working in fair shops had voted and that only those who would be directly affected should take a strike vote.

"While this was going on at least five motions were made and seconded that Nash be forcibly escorted out of the hall. These the chair refused to recognize. We took another vote according to Nash's latest ruling, and this only carried by two to one, so we were shy considerable votes of the three-quarters majority.

Carries Out Promise

"'There you are. It is not carried and we don't strike,' Nash triumphantly declared. We learned later that Nash had promised Kilbury there would be no strike. Then Nash sprung the telegram on us from Wharton withdrawing strike sanction until further negotiations had been held with the employers.

"We met that with a motion to abide by our original decision. It carried, 572 to 1.

"By noon of the next day we had shut down all of the big shops and most of the small ones 100 per cent. When their men voted 117 to 15 to join the union, the Caterpillar Tractor Company plant in San Leandro, the biggest shop involved and the worst trouble-maker now, shut down."

Prints Sabotage

The next move, Sullivan charged, was the appearance of advertisements in the daily press, over the signatures of Nash and the various employers, declaring that the strike was illegal. These advertisements, Sullivan said, were accompanied by a barrage of publicity charging the strike was engineered by "Reds."

"The men were confused and their solidarity was disrupted by this campaign," Sullivan related. "Many of them went back to work. Negotiations that were started after the strike were dropped by the employers. Several of the big plants, including Caterpillar and the Merco-Nordstrom Valve Co., reopened.

"Nash and his allies said our charter had been revoked, but this was not done legally and in accordance with our constitution. Finally, however, they succeeded in getting around the legal obstacles and our charter actually was revoked.

Breaks Union Office

"That was the signal for Nash, accompanied by four policemen and four photographers and a professional safe-blower, to break into our union office at 761 Twelfth Street, Oakland, in an attempt to seize all our books and records.

"All they found were some cancelled checks and a bank book showing an account sufficient to cover outstanding checks. They discovered that all debts to the international had been paid right up to date, and that the remaining money—which they could get no trace of—belonged to the local membership. This money had just vanished—but it reappeared later, at a time and place suitable to the men."

Tried to Get Injunction

Nash's next step, according to Sullivan, was to seek an injunction restraining the officers and members of the local from organizational activities and the use of their funds. This was denied by Judge Leon Gray of the Alameda County Superior Court.

Next Nash sued in the same court for $10,000 damages against the officers of the local. Judge Gray dismissed the suit, but gave Nash ten days to file an amended complaint. This he failed to do.

The machinists, finding themselves without any official organization, turned in their membership cards for pledge cards by which they organized themselves into an independent group, called the East Bay Union of Machinists, Sullivan related.

Restraining Order

They then brought suit in San Francisco for a restraining order against all the officers of the international to prevent them from entering into organizational work in the East Bay or from interfering with Lodge 284, its funds, activities, or office. After 11 days of hearings, this order was granted by Judge Sylvain Lazarus.

The order, which directly struck at the activities of Nash in launching a "dual union" outfit of machinists known as Lodge 148, for which he has asked the international for a charter, is to remain in effect until the opening of the annual national convention of Machinists in Milwaukee on Sept. 21, according to Sullivan.

Wouldn't Commit Himself

Nash, in court, declared that he had organized 284 men into his new union, but declined to repeat this figure under oath, according to Sullivan, who estimates the number of men who have joined Nash at 100.

In their efforts to win equality of wages and working conditions, the East Bay machinists have the complete support and financial cooperation of the 1700 machinists in San Francisco Lodge 68, according to Sullivan. Furthermore, they have the support of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, which urged the ousting of Nash, but was rebuffed by the International officers.

Threatened Revocation

The international has declared Local 68's assessment illegal and has threatened to revoke the charter of the San Francisco lodge, which has stiffened the members to do all the more to aid their East Bay brothers, according to Sullivan.

Sullivan stated that the East Bay machinists plan to send two delegates to the Milwaukee convention.

More Aid Comes

The embattled strikers have informed other lodges of machinists throughout the country of their plight, and have won support from many of these in their protests to the international, Sullivan declared.

As the strike went on, an important victory was won on the local front when the Alameda County Central Labor Council stated as a matter of policy that union men must not pass through picket lines. This has halted teamsters, who up to that time had been making deliveries to and from the plants.

Victory Expected

Three large plants, Atlas Diesel Engine, Union Diesel Engine, and Byron Jackson Pump Co., remain completely shut down. Johnson Oil Burner has met all demands and is working. Caterpillar, Merco-Nordstrom, Hall Scott and Oliver Filters are working on an average of 50 per cent.

Other plants are making a show of sporadic work with the aid of the scabs Nash has recruited.

Committee Insists WPA Carpenter Get Real Job

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND.—A committee walking down the hall met a Finnish carpenter, 51 years old, with a passport to Blister Rust Camp.

Knowing the great demand for such carpenters, we went into a huddle with Windlund and Burr—result, new assignment to WPA as carpenter, also a promise of 6 months work at union wages in pri- That is our idea of the way vate industry as carpenter. to get men off WPA instead of forcing them into concentration camps.

CONGRESSMAN PRAISES WORK OF ALLIANCE

Byron Scott Says It Got More Than He Was Able To

By a Worker Correspondent

LONG BEACH—Admitting his inability to cope with the relief racketeers Congressman Byron N. Scott told the Executive Board members of Local 1, Workers Alliance, "I found out nothing; you got further than I did."

Scott referred to his previous request to the union leaders: "Don't do anything for a few days, give me a chance to see what I can do." He confessed that evasions and subterfuges of the relief officials left him helpless. He was particularly disgusted with the actions of Manville in the local L. A. County Relief Administration District Placement Office. He called on Colonel Connelly and Wilcox in charge of the L. A. office of the WPA, and got exactly nowhere. The fact that the union grievance committee succeeded in forcing the granting of relief for those dismissed from WPA aroused his admiration.

Violated in L.A.

Scott was shown the Federal regulations and letters from Nels Anderson (Harry Hopkins' chief of Labor Relations) recognizing the right of collective bargaining for WPA workers and was told that these regulations were not recognized in L.A. County.

Scott informed the committee that Hopkins himself would be in Long Beach in the next few days and promised to arrange a meeting with Hopkins and the union leaders here. Meanwhile rumors are rife that Connelly and other big-shots in his administration are "on the way out." The vote of the unemployed in Southern California will go a long way toward changing the relief set-up after the elections.

Fight Goes On

The fight for the reinstatement of the workers unjustly dismissed will go on. The Workers Alliance here is going to see that the dismissed workers are granted a hearing to have their cases reviewed. This also applies not only to the women on the sewing project, but to the older men (over 65) dismissed from the other projects under the pretext that they were eligible for the state old age pension. Many of them are not eligible and are still capable of doing a day's work. We intend to keep "hammering away" as Congressman Scott suggested, and we **have the promise of his support on our grievance committees.** As put by one of the committee members, if it takes five or six hundred to crack through this county ruling, Byron N. Scott will be one of the six hundred."

WHEN SAVAGE FEROCITY OF FASCISTS RAN WILD



THE CENTER of the city of Toledo, wrecked by Spanish Fascists, in their savage hatred of the people of the city. The workers' militia holds all of Toledo now, except the Alacazar fortress, in which the Fascists are bottled up. Fascists butchered hundreds of men, women and children in Toledo and other cities of Spain.

Labor Spy Is New Front Man In Long Beach WPA

LONG BEACH.—Hartzel is the new front office man in the WPA Long Beach office who gives the unemployed the runaround. For several years Hartzell was an undercover stool in the Factory Service of the Ford Long Beach madhouse. He got away with it for a long time. Only after the 2-year shut-down was he exposed.

He lasted only a few months when the plant started up but so many of Henry's slaves were wise to him that Burnett, head of factory service dumped him. And was he burned up! His famous wise-crack, "Every dog has its day," bore fruit when his connections with Lt. Wishen, head of Long Beach Red Squad (anti-labor) police detail was exposed. Wishon used to hide behind Harry Presser's door (the head of employment personnel) and put the finger on any worker who was thinking of applying for a job.

I think the Workers' Alliance of Long Beach ought to put the heat on Hartzel in a hurry. I wonder how does Robinson (former AFL business agent, now WPA Labor Coordinator) feel working in the same office with a known labor spy.

Relief Official Backs Water When WAA Committee Protests

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND. — A committee from Workers Alliance meeting with Messrs. Koetitz, Winlund and Burr about forcing men to the hop fields were assured that the threatening letter sent to the projects signed by Koetitz meant nothing.

It was just a request for men. He was our "friend" and there had not been one man sent from Alameda County and would no be if he could help it.

Enter Mr. Sparrow about Blister Rust, but refused a seat at the round table conference where directly accused of lying about conditions and work. All he could do was stammer, stutter and sweat, and say that he had been going there on his vacation for several years, and that he had told these people that all they had to do was to pull up little bushes and go fishing.

"Sleep" on the ground, go 60 miles for medicine and clothes

Textile Workers Win Prize Book For Strike News

Another prize for workers correspondence!

This time, as announced last week, we are awarding Anthony Bimba's "History of the American Working Class." The winner is not one worker but several. We decided to turn the prize over to the authors' of last week's articles on the Textile strike in Oakland.

We are going to give it to the members of the union and let them decide who is to keep it.

The prize for next week has already been announced. It is "Fatherland" by Karl Billinger. Read the articles on this page and the same page of last issue. Who do you think is the winner?

Now for the prize for the following week, so you can get out your pencil and write about what you know. It will be an attractive volume of Irwin Shaw's play "Bury the Dead," Random House edition.

This prize should bring in correspondence from all over the West.

GROWERS TRY TO GET MORE CHEAP LABOR

Worker Denies That Men Are Needed In Stockton

By a Worker Correspondent

STOCKTON. — There is an oversupply of labor here, but the Stockton Record of September 10 has a banner headline saying "Lack of pickers hits tomato harvest."

Under this headline we read that growers are making frantic appeals to the State Free Employment Office and WPA for help. Two big canners, representing the A. Hershel Canning Company and Flothill Products, Inc., are quoted at great length complaining how they must have more labor immediately or lose millions.

Stirring Appeal

They also appeal to the Community at large, saying if they lose millions the port of Stockton will suffer.

I wish to state that there is more than enough labor here to harvest these crops, but that the workers are just waking up and demanding a decent standard of living, including the eight-hour day.

Many of them are joining the Agricultural Workers' Union Local 20221 of Stockton.

Intent to Disorganize

So naturally the Chamber of Commerce and Associated Farmers are attempting to disorganize the workers by creating an oversupply of cheap labor.

We call on all loyal workers to disregard these appeals to come to Stockton. In reality it is only an effort to prevent organization and get cheaper labor.

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RIPTIDES

By D. L. Saunders

THE RED SQUAD, lead by China Town's chief of police, burst into the quarters of the Chinese Seamen's Club.

Ten pair of eyes looked up slowly from a table where a game of Mah Jong was in progress. Ten pair of bored eyes returned to the game at hand.

Chinatown's "number one policeman" cast a heavily suspicious eye about the little room—as though expecting, no doubt, to hear the crackling and sizzling of a home made bomb.

"Hey—you guys, any Communist stuff here?" Chinatown's leading political representative of the civic government, demanded.

A roaring silence was the only response. His eye espied a book shelf laden with books—a row of uniform red bound books attracted his attention. "These Communist books?" He jerked one out of its place and eyed the Chinese letters inscribed on it, with a confirmed suspicion.

"That Chinese," five voices answered him blandly, with a swift glance at the books in question.

"It's a bum steer," one of the Red Squad remarked, as "Number One" skeptically replaced the book.

He disdained to answer as he suddenly swooped down with a triumphant air towards an awesomely thick book that lay by itself on a dust-covered shelf.

"This Communist stuff?" Conviction rung in his tone.

"Yes, that Communist," five voices chorused, blandly.

"Uh, huh—who's in charge of this place—c'mon, don't stall."

One of the Chinese seamen arose quietly from the table. "I'm the secretary."

"C'mon with us," he laid a ham-like hand on the Chinese seaman's shoulder.

With the thick volume under his arm the Chinatown sleuth started to march his prisoner out of the room, when his eye fell on another book, resting nonchalantly in full view on the table where the Mah Jong game was going on.

The lone word "Russia" standing out against a red binding cinched things. Triumphantly, "Number One" stalked over to the table, gathered the book up as though it were a bundle of lit fire-crackers, thrust it under his arm to accompany the one pressed against his fat side.

The Red Squad, "Number One" Chinatown policeman, one Chinese seaman and the "evidence" surged out of the room.

The following morning before a packed court, which had come to listen in at a murder hearing scheduled on the court calender, "Number One" policeman appeared with the "evidence" and his prisoner, flanked by the Red Squad and a Chinese interpreter.

Judge G——, well known for his red-baiting, listened to the story of the sleuth and then asked of the Chinese interpreter, "What is the name of that book?"

"Your Honor, that is merely a Chinese dictionary," was the startling answer after a brief look at the title. Chinatown's chief of police was stupified a titters and guffaws echoed from the rear of the courtroom, where a score of Chinese seamen were standing.

The Judge leaned over and stared at tne red book, with th word Russia across it. "Number One" policeman was too flustered to notice the steely tone of his Honor, who asked, "Where did you get that book?"

"This is exhibit number two, your honor," ears still red, but vindication before him, "Number One" exultingly held the book aloft.

Without even looking at the exhibit again, the Judge leaned farther over his desk and in a dangerously cool tone asked, "Did you read the introduction of that book?"

"Why, er, no, your Honor." Doubt began to assail Chinatown's chief of police.

"Well then, read it," the Judge roared. "The introduction was written by me. Case dismissed." His gavel punctuated the laughter that arose as a very much discomfited sleuth slunk out through the door marked "Toilet."

Chinatown's chief of police is very unhappy these days. Even the little Chinese youngsters who sell daily papers arond the Hall of Justice make life miserable for him as they shout whenever he approaches, "Read the latest Chinese dictionary."

CONN. LABOR HITS SPLIT

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Emphatic attack against suspending the C.I.O. unions was made in a résolution adopted by the Central Labor Council of this city.

"LEAVE IT TO CONVENTION"

ERIE, Pa.—The Erie Central Labor Council has asked the A. F. L. Executive Council to defer action against the C.I.O. until the annual convention in November.

Women on the March

By MARY GARFIELD

THE BIRDS in the trees and the whispering breeze and the bells that go Ding, Dong, Dell.

The man in the street and the gals, yes, the gals you meet, what do they say?

Organize the unorganized!

Who do we know is unorganized? Woolworth's Five and Ten, Office workers. The chain store employees. The men who sell vegetables and fruit, and any women who work with them.

Women who do slave work for other women in the "genteel" privacy of homes, "protected" from the cruel world of industry. Are they organized? They certainly are not.

They are exploited to a fare-thee-well. Working from six in the morning until nine and ten o'clock at night. Scrubbing, pulling, hauling, cooking, washing, ironing, digging out and cleaning sequestered, filthy corners.

Then for a real treat—having the rapturous relief of taking two or three children out for a couple of hours in the afternoon. At this session she likely changes from a domestic slave to a fight referee in order to bring her charges home intact.

Who does this work? Mostly broken down, weary women—victims of the depression and of relief agencies. Young girls fighting terrible odds in order to go back to school.

These young girls are supposed to work just a few hours a day. They find the whole long day taken up. Most of them get no pay other than room and board. The verbal contracts usually give them for themselves the hours after the diner dishes are washed. These hours are usually stolen from them to watch over sleeping children. Long dreary hours listening for furtive footsteps, sniffing for fires, watching the rising temperature of the baby with a cold. Panic. All in opposition to the hoped-for quiet hours for study.

Let's close our ranks, we Women on the March, and march right into this immediate need. Organize our young ones, our high school children. Sign them up against this outrageous exploitation.

This housework angle is a bad one. It's an "out" for the relief agencies. It works against women as the hard and badly paid agricultural work beats our men down. It's a case of "here's a job. Take it or else."

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THE day you go out to organize you won't have much time to cook, so try this one for dinner:

1 chopped onion
1 beaten egg
4 tablespoonfuls flour
1 cup of water

A little salt, pepper and sage. Mix well.

Peel and quarter one bunch of celery root. Place in five cups of salted boiling water. Drop meat mixture by spoonfuls in with the celery in the boiling water and boil gently for one-half hour. Gently, comrades, always gently. Thicken with 3 tablespoonfuls of flour rubber smooth with two tablespoonfuls of butter. If you still own a platter, pour it on said platter.

This is called Danish Celery Balls by Danish people. Call it what you like.

Soviet Film Will Start L.A. Run Fri., Sept. 18th

"Gypsies," the Soviet Russian film masterpiece based on the lives of these perennial wanderers, has been booked to open its exclusive Los Angeles engagement Friday, September 18, at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, the management announces.

Considered by film observers to be one of the greatest motion picture productions to come from the Soviet studios, a survey of critical comments reveals that "Gypsies," has been given quality production, beautiful and authentic gypsy melodies, and a cast of the finest players in Europe including Alexander Granach, formerly of the Max Reinhardt Deutsches Theatre in Berlin; Lala Chernaya of the Soviet Romen Theater, M. Sinelnikova, N. Mordvinov, and P. Sanin.

Gypsy Life and Gayety

A story of the nomads, "Gypsies" shows with breath-taking realism and superb artistry the long drives through pelting rain, the miserable winters, and withal, the gayety of these strange people who are forever wandering, singing, stealing, laughing, and loving. There are scenes, reliable film observers declare, that equal if not surpass the most profound and gripping episodes created by D. W. Griffith when he was at full stature as an artistic director.

E. Schneider and M. Goldblatt directed "Gypsies," from an original story by Z. Markina and M. Vitnuknovsky. The musical setting of gypsy melodies was arranged by G. G. Lobachev. N. Prozorovsky photographed the production. The Russian dialogue is fully translated by English titles. Latest Soviet newsreels will also be shown.

Bootlicking Writer Get Salary Cuts

HOLLYWOOD.—The wages of bootlicking are a kick in the pants! Those ring-leaders who, a few months ago, helped out the producers by knifing their fellow-writers in the Screen Writers Guild movement are now collecting what is coming to them.

You will recall that after publishing ads in the trade papers, selling out their best friends and currying the 'producers' favor they finally founded a company union. The company union has been hopelessly stalling, doing nothing, promising only to organize the writers—after the producers had put through a code of relationship with their employes.

But the producers have not been wasting their time. Although aware of the service rendered them by those who scotched the guild, they are nevertheless making them eat dirt.

One of the anti-guild ratters—and one of the most important—has just learned what his reward will be. He was offered a new contract—at $500 a week less than his old one! And he is not an isolated example.

There is no more guild to protect the writers now. And salaries have begun to be pared. "Loyal writers" as well as "guild reds" will have to take the cut—and like it. "Rugged individualism" has no remedy. Only organization, learning from the mistakes of the past, can help.

Working Class Lullaby

By CARLITOS

Hush my little one—
Born in the storm;
Sleep if you can,
Sleep soft, sleep warm,
While Hunger snarls
And the saber rattles,
And we gather our strength
For the grilling battles.

Ours is the path
Of pain and struggle,
But you in your crib
Must peacefully snuggle.
We'll fashion for you
A much richer life
Then could ever be ours
In this maze of strife.

You must not know
The master's whip,
His merciless eye
And his sneering lip.
The world will be new,
The years will be sweet,
The road will be smooth
For your lightsome feet.

Love and Labor
And a crimson song,
And Joy for neighbor
Your whole life long.
So sleep my little one—
Close your eyes,
And dream of a red star
Alight in the skies.

THE RESULT OF LABOR SOLIDARITY



AT THE FOOD KITCHEN in a current Pennsylvania strike. Food is supplied through the donations of other unions and of farmers. Strike kitchens are being maintained in the California Cotton Mill strike in Oakland and in the Salinas strike.

"Defeating the Reds with Red"

By STEPHEN PEACOCK

Attracted by the above title of a sermon by the Rev. Julian C. McPheeters, D.D., at Glide Memorial Church (Sunday, Aug. 30), I rushed down to hear the latest spiritual interpretation of the depression.

I soon learned that the holy man (who broadcasts over Hearst's KYA) had shortened the Golden Rule to read: "Do ye as Hearst would have ye do." Amen! Hallelujah!

Russia Ruined the Mysterious Prof

It seems that McPheeters got the inspiration for his brain storm from a "young university professor," who, after having visited Russia where the Godless children gave him the jitters, rushed right home to pray and weep on the holy shoulder of Reverend Mac and "dedicate his life to fighting subversive forces."

Unfortunately, McPheeters failed to name, produce, identify or describe the professor, probably in fear of the G.P.U. Or perhaps the mysterious Professor X was of the absent-minded variety and forgot his name or where he taught. Anyhow, the ways of some of the Lord's personal representatives are subtle. Maybe he had a vision of a professor. Could it be that he mistook a contributor for a professor?

(In spite of the Male Quartet which rendered "Only Trust in Jesus," the Rev. made an urgent appeal for funds.)

Neglects to Bless The Peacemakers

McPheeters has been too busy studying Hearst's editorials to think about the Sermon on the Mount. He forgot about "blessed be the peacemakers" and the one about turning the other cheek after some gazook has smitten out your teeth.

Anyhow, he denounced the pacifists and threw a shiver into his flock with the slightly mouldy declaration that we were "honeycombed with termites." It appears that Dr. Harry F. Ward, Pastor Russel, Madame Blavatsky and other radicals disarm us so that the Rooshuns can come in and murder us.

"Thank God for battleships, thank God for the Presidio," he shrieked. Here he wriggled into his real motive—an attack on strikes and militant labor—when he shouted "were it not for the Presidio, San Francisco would have run red with blood in the summer of 1934."

At this point some uncouth and callous heathen—probably boring from within—spoiled the whole show by snickering out loud. The Rev.—maybe honeycombed with a termite—got red himself and to conceal what the psychologists call a "mental block" (constipated thinking), sputtered, choked and blurted out, "God bless you, brother," with the accent on the bless. Of course, everybody knew what he meant.

But Not the Santa Rosa Alien

The good reverend, who has no scruples about extending a cordial invitation to foreigners to visit his hell, just don't like to see them reside in his country. Probably unaware of the fact that Jesus was not born in Arkansas, he wants to exclude from this country all foreigners except the guy who led the Santa Rosa tar and feather party.

"We have kept our gates open too long," he fumed. "Our fathers fought and bled for this country and it belongs to us."

The learned D.D. may be a native of America, but I never heard of an Indian by the name of McPheeters.

Old Satan Sneaked a Rooshian In

Nothing could better illustrate the sneaky ways of Satan and the Bolsheviks than the fact that on the very same printed program announcing the dear pastor's illuminating message, we find listed musical numbers written by who? A foreigner! What kind? A Rooshun! Tschaikowsky!

What the hell's the matter, Reverend, ain't there no American music?

We propose an immediate investigation of the Glide Memorial Church. You can never tell. McPheeter's real name may be McPhutzky and the innocent looking D.D. after it may mean Doctor of Droshkies.

There is no time to lose. Resolutions should be passed immediately by the D.A.R., the White Camelias and Black Legionnaires. They should demand the deportation of Tschaikowsky and in general protest against besmirching the pillars of our churches and other sacred institutions.

Whereupon the Real Solution Is Given

The Rev. Julian finally reached his climax, "How to Defeat Reds With Red."

You couldn't expect the Rev. at this stage of the game to openly advocate castor oil, castration, concentration camps and corpses. What he demanded was a return to Holy Ghost religion, to the blood of Christ, to the cross. The reverend worked himself up into a high pitch. He rushed back and forth, his coat-tails swinging, his eyes rolling furiously in the general direction of heaven. (He almost sprained his eyeballs striving at the same time to see the effect of his performance on the customers.)

"The Cross! Blood! Blood! The Cross!" he screeched.

From his previous ravings it was easy to see what he meant: Militant labor and progressives must be crucified on the altar of wealth. And Mac is getting too impatient to wait for a heavenly fishfry for the "sinners." He would like to do a little roasting right now.

McPheeters with his swallow-tail coat and his comic opera gestures looks funny. He won't look so funny with a brown shirt and swastika.

VOICES OF LABOR

LOS ANGELES

EDITOR: I just got wind of the fact that 35 Chinese and five Mexicans, accompanied by three armed thugs, left here Sunday night for the Salinas lettuce fields. I saw them off at the train but was not able to learn much else about them.

I gave them a copy of the Western Worker, with the Salinas strike story on Page One. I begged the Chinese to tell me who was sending them. They told me it was a Chinese firm. Later I found out from a railroad worker that the men in charge were white, and he pointed them out to me.

They were typical thug types.

T. J. S.

ACCENT ON YOUTH

By EVELYN JAMES

AMERICAN YOUTH ACT PETITIONS

"Because it is essential that the 5 to 8 million unemployed youth in the country be permitted either to finish their education or be given constructive employment, we the undersigned, demand prompt passage of the American Youth Act—"

So begin the petitions which represent one of the activities directed toward forcing the passage of the American Youth Act in Congress this fall. Youth organizations of all types, trade unions, Young Townsend clubs, church groups, American Youth Congress Councils, are circulating these petitions. The million or more signatures will be presented to the president at his inauguration by a pilgrimage of youth from all over the country.

This act, which will provide jobs, vocational training, and education for America's five to eight million idle youth, must be passed. It can be passed only if mass pressure is built up around it. One way of insuring this is to fill petition blanks.

CHILDREN AT PLAY

Coming home on the cable car I was reading a tiny news item about children in the U.S.S.R. Two thousand young Leningrad consumers met in a conference with a representative of the city trading organization. They expressed their criticism of the toys being sold by the local stores, and their suggestions for improving the quality and choice of toys.

When the woman sitting next to me screamed, I looked up. We had just missed hitting a little boy. The narrow street was being repaired, and a little pile of earth had been turned up. It wasn't much larger than my breakfast table, but seven children were playing on it. Their castles and garages were so crowded that one child had stepped on his neighbor's architecture. They had begun to tussle, and the offender was pushed onto the car track just as we sung around the corner jangling our bell.

When we were past, I folded my paper and thrust the little item before the woman who had screamed. She read about the children in Leningrad and their conference on the quality of toys. Then we sat and looked back at the children fighting over a little pile of dirt in the street. And talked.

TOWNSEND YOUTH ORGANIZE

At the national convention of the Townsend Movement the young representatives sent in a resolution calling for the formation of youth clubs within the Townsend Movement. The report of the resolutions committee preserved the silence unbroken about this resolution. The young convention members, many of them fresh from the Third American Youth Congress, organized a demonstration which marched down the aisles and presented the resolution to the chair. The support of the convention in favor of organizing a youth section was almost unanimous.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH LOSE NO TIME

Townsend youth in California lost little time in grasping the opportunity to organize. In San Francisco a youth club was formed promptly. To date it contains about fifty members. We learn that this club has already affiliated to the American Youth Congress; and in its stand on current happenings in San Francisco and the world has demonstrated its progressive character.

STATE CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS

Furthermore, a state-wide campaign to set up youth clubs began August 5. Charles L. Heiser, director of Townsend Youth Club Organizers, has conducted meetings in a number of towns and cities, leaving behind him a neuclei of youth clubs. He has a corps of young speakers, prominent in debating and oratorical circles in high schools, who address these meetings. September 6, at Neptune Beach, the Townsend Clubs of San Francisco and Bay Areas held a picnic at which Lois Johnson, a youth organizer, was a main speaker.

YOUTH EAGER TO ORGANIZE

The rapidity with which these youth clubs are springing up is an indication of how eager are youth of the so-called "lost" generation to organize for their own interests.

BAG MAKERS UNION ENDORSES C.I.O.

PHILADELPHIA — Protesting suspension of the C.I.O. Local 52 of Leather Workers declare C.I.O. leaders are "infusing the spirit of organization and unity among the workers of the mass-production on industries."

SOCIALIST EXPOSES TROTSKYI

To Western Worker. Los Angeles, California,
From September 13th, 1936.

P. Stevens Gaugh (Ex-City Organizer Socialist Party, L. A.):

I have these few remarks to make about my resignation as City Organizer, Socialist Party, L. A.

1st: I have a clean five year record as an Unemployed, Labor, and Farmer Organizer. I won't have it mired by a few Trotskyites here using me for the goat to direct their counter-revolutionary activities against the U.S.S.R. and thei campaign against the Communist Party U.S.A., by giving me the title of Organizer.

It isn't the titles we hold that make us what the title indicates, because I'm still a good, clean-minded organizer of workers and farmers, even though I resigned from this job, and the Trotzkyites will soon discover it. I simply cannot organize workers on the basis of combatting the Communist Party—but only on the basis of a fight against Capitalism—that is the basis on which I have been able to make a good record of five years as an organizer.

There are not many in the working class interested at all in fighting the Communist Party—and the U.S.S.R. This is my experience of five years. My record must never be blotted up and mired with the mud-slinging of Trotzkyism.

2nd: I've found Trotzkyites are "Talkers," not "Doers." I thought I might be able to **use 'em** if they would do anything to help rid ourselves of capitalism and build a Socialist Party, but here again its didn't work. I proposed a plan of action. It was approved by the branch. I expected them to do a part, but every last one layed down on me. I asked one to hand out a few leaflets once, but he replied that he was a lawyer—couldn't do that.

I got hold of each one at some time or another, but he was very, very busy, or he just took supplies ,credentials, and other material and I heard no more of him. They just won't do anything to build the party or fight capitalism. Plans of Action mean nothing to them.

A slogan I put up in the hall: "Less Talk and More Action"—they called it Communistic. Chas. Curtis, a Trotzkyite leader, sits or stands around the hall telling us what's right, what's wrong, and is willing to go anywhere to tell others how to do things, but he couldn't stoop to do something himself. He wouldn't move a chair himself, but tells us where to put them, or not to put them, for the meeting.

He is a **typical example**. Always looking for trouble, anything to rave about. He is on the floor at every meeting with a sing-song whine that takes up most of the meeting, and I bet he does it in his sleep. This will give him something he can't sleep over. He's the Industrial Director and Organizer, Egad! Big Shot! Boss!

His idea of organizing is to make flying trips, for example, to the agricultural strike recently, and tell 'em what's right, what's wrong, clarify the pickets with knots on their heads, lungs full of gas, or laying in jail, and the real organizers of the strike who live and work, and eat beans, hot peppers and tortoes with the rest of the workers.

Right in the thick of the battle when the workers are coming back behind the lines with bloody noses, broken, and bruised, those who escaped jail—and back in the camp, Chas. Curtis bobs up to win the strike, a victory for the Socialist Party. "Here am I, Chas. Curtis. Listen to me, I'll tell you how. What's right, what's wrong."

Ye Gods! Why doesn't he stay down there? What does he come back to the comforts of the Hall and Office for? Who ever heard of an organizer sitting at a desk many miles away directing a strike? It's like a front porch farmer, in the swell residential district of a city—he is a farmer like Chas. Curtis is an Organizer. He runs down now and then to take away the fruits of work and struggle.

There's another reason Charley was shy of the agricultural strike: The cops expressed themselves very forceably once on Charley's jaw in objection to his whining, and it rather affected Charley's mind some. There's no such forcible objections in the meetings. Here he can get up and belly-ache and bawl till his lust for vengeance is appeased, his grudges nursed, and his intellect exposed—to my disgust, but to his followers' pleasure.

He loves to exaggerate things. He reported that we had pickets on all the strike lines in the city of Los Angeles in the Clothing and Fur workers' strikes—that we were organizing the Dairy Workers—Produce Houses. But he didn't have one thing to do with any of these activities, not even to furnishing pickets, as the unions had me hire pickets for them. Ward Rodgers, not a Trotzkyite, did what little our party did in the unions, and the real organizers living and working right with the union were not honorably mentioned by Mr. Curtis, Esquire.

In the five years of my organizational experience I have never seen or heard of organizers from the C.P. or S.P. who didn't go to the fields and live the same lives the workers had and work with them together to build a union. It's the first time I've ever seen someone running from their comfortable surroundings to the miserable circumstances of the workers, and then to and fro to get the glory of the victory the workers suffered and struggled for, organized and fought for, and then see someone come back with the fruits of their toil.

I can see that those who are doing that are Trotzkyites in our Party and not the Socialists I knew in the mid-West. The Socialists stick with the ship fill it sinks. The Socialists are those who **do**—the Trotzkyites talk. You can tell one from the other by waiting and watching for what has been done. **Talkers** aren't going to help our party "NONE."

The only way the Trotzkyites get real excited about anything and actually get busy is when a meeting is coming up to give the C.P. hell. When Cannon came here, I saw plenty of activity that was very well directed without me, but by an invisible hand. All the little Trotzkyites got busy running with chairs, leaflets, and doing everything without any direction from the organizer. It was funny watching 'em!

And any time there's a meeting to fight the Communist instead of the Capitalist, there's plenty of help, and willing help. Strange, indeed! And I thought I joined a Party to fight Capitalism! I fail to see how this is going to help the Socialist Party. The Party needs those who will ACT, not TALK so much about it, but I think our N.E.C. made a bad guess when it thinks the Trotzkyites would do anything to build the S.P. when it let these bees in our bonnet.

Seeing the uselessness of trying to get them to do anything—that was the main reason I quit the job, and realizing at the same time I was being used for a goat to direct their activities and getting a bad record as a Labor Organizer with the stigma of reactionary and trouble maker, I put a stop to it.

Our Party is for defense of the U.S.S.R.—a genuine Farmer-Labor Party—and for many of the Bills now in Congress—all of which the Trotzkyites are outwardly in public against in the name of the S.P.

Especially was it shown at the Unemployed Unity Convention of the Workers Alliance here. They stand up at public meetings under auspices of the S.P. and express their own principles—this happened when Ramuglian spoke at the American League meeting here recently.

These things sicken any honest Socialist true to the principles and policies of the Party, and if I can use your pages to fight these undisciplined Trotzkyites—thanks to you. I see no chance to fight them in a branch composed of their ilk nearly 100 per cent—and I'll lead this fight till they are oust ed. They can't oust me, because titles and books don't make Socialist Organizers. It's what he does that makes him.

(Signed) STEVENS GAUGH.
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Many Contra Costa Craft Leaders For Industrial Unionism

Von Tellrop, Central Labor Council President, Favors Plan of the C.I.O. Leaders

Retail Clerks, Oil Workers, Culinary Workers Union Officials For Industrial Form of Organization

RICHMOND, Calif.—Led by the president of their Central Labor Council, the great majority of craft union heads in Contra Costa County are enthusiastic in voicing their support of John Lewis and industrial organization.

J. L. Von Tellrop, president of the Contra Costa County Central Trades Labor Council and member of Barbers Local 917 of Pitts-burgh, declared:

"As a craft unionist I believe in Lewis' plan. It would be a wonderful thing.

"If labor can move forward through an industrial set-up, I'm for it 100 per cent. We should have some form of industrial unionism, but should not destroy the craft unions."

Miss Viola Cox, Secretary of the Central Trades Labor Council and member of Laundry Workers Local 23:

"There is a place for both industrial unionism and craft unionism in the A.F.L."

Retail Clerks Head for CIO

Louis Rattaro, president of Retail Clerks Local 1179:

"Speaking for myself, I favor industrial unionism."

J. M. Sullivan, president of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers Local 5 in Martinez:

"Ours is an industrial union and I'm all for it. I think an awful lot of crafts will pull over into industrial unionism."

E. T. Ogden, president of Culinary Workers Local 595:

"We have what amounts to an industrial union and are in favor of that set-up."

The Culinary Workers Union includes bartenders as well as cooks, waiters and dish-washers.

James R. Rinnelli Jr., business agent of the Local, added that he was whole-heartedly behind Lewis.

Electrical Union Head

James H. Wright, president of Electrical Workers Local 302:

"I have been a craft unionist for 20 years and I believe that there is a place for both forms of unionism. I don't think there should be any friction.

"There should be craft unions for construction and industrial unions in manufacturing industries. In jurisdictional disputes in manufacturing industries, the decision should be with the industrial union."

C. J. Wagner, business agent for the Butchers Union:

"My opinion is for industrial unionism. The whole matter should be submitted to a vote of the rank and file of the A.F.L. and not left to the convention."

M. O. Hauge, secretary, Carpenters Local 642:

"I don't believe you can have skilled and unskilled labor sitting in the same union. Lewis used poor judgment in disobeying the laws of the A.F.L."

Neither F. R. Otis, president, nor Earl Davis, acting secretary-reasurer of Barbers' Local 508, would commit himself.

W. E. Franklin, business agent of Milk Wagon Drivers' Local 302:

"I am still with the A.F.L. on craft unionism."

H. S. Jones, president of Painters 741 in Martinez, was said on good authority to be strongly in favor of the C.I.O."

VALLEJO MACHINISTS HIT INTL. OFFICERS, INCREASE AID TO E. BAY STRIKERS

Vote Increase to $50 a Week to Suspended Local Leading Strike, After Hearing Reactionaries

VALLEJO—After two international officers had tried to justify their perjing of Oakland Local 284's charter, the Vallejo Machinists local voted to increase their support of the East Bay machinists' strike from $25 to $50 a week.

This was a fitting answer to the reactionary international officers, who revoked Local 284's charter and tried to set up a dual local in order to break the Oakland strike.

Vigilantism Hit

The resolution presented to the Central Labor Council at its last meeting, by the Culinary Workers, aimed against vigilantism, was concurred in.

The Culinary Worker's resolution against the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions was referred back to the Culinary Workers with instructions to have their delegate to the state A.F.L. convention present it there.

Two other resolutions of the Culinary Workers did not fare so well. No recommendation was made as to the resolution against war and war material, and they seemed to think that plaintiffs were the ones to ask for a change of venue in the Santa Rosa outrage.

Youth Act Endorsed

A resolution on the American Youth Act, endorsing it, was read and concurred in.

An interesting paper on race prejudice and discrimination was read by one of the delegates of the Machinists, which was received with enthusiasm. It fitted in very nicely as the Business Agent had reported on contacting two Negro carpenters, who had been members of the Carpenters and had been discriminated against.

The Barbers and Beauticians reported they are having considerable trouble in dealing with unfair shops. They are making slow progress.

The various delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention are going to do their best to bring the next State Federation of Labor Convention to Vallejo.

L.A. FURRIERS ASK ALL AFL TO AID L.A. DRIVE

Urges State AFL Aid Organization Of Big City

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Furriers Union, engaged in a bitter struggle with open shop forces, has called on all organized labor to support the drive to organize Los Angeles. A resolution to this effect follows:

WHEREAS: There is now going on a drive of the open shop forces against organized labor manifested in the reaction of the M. and M. and its anti-union publicity, and

WHEREAS: There is at the same time developing a desire for organization on the part of the working people of Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS: An organizing drive by the Central Labor Council to take advantage of this developing sentiment would be the most effective answer to the union-smashing drive of the M. and M., therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the State Federation of Labor at its next convention in September, 1936, recognizes the special need for organization in Los Angeles and pledges its full moral and financial support in this campaign, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a special assessment of fifty cents ($.50) per member be levied upon the unions affiliated to the State Federation of Labor, such assessment to be solely for organizational purposes in the City of Los Angeles, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles with the revenue derived from the assessment place three (3) organizers in the field to concentrate upon the following most important industries, namely, rubber, air craft and auto, and be it further

RESOLVED: That such assessment be payable not later than December 1, 1936.

Coulter Accepts Post On "Impartial" Labor Board

LONG BEACH.—James Coulter, President of the Long Beach Oil Workers Union accepted appointment on the City Hall Mediation Board set up by Mayor Eaton.

The other members of the board are J. K. Thomas, building contractor, Fred Knight, attorney, H. F. Alswede, treasurer of the Long Beach Building and Loan, and Charles Malcolm, real estate operator. This "impartial" board (with one "labor" member) will be called on to "safeguard" the interests of the workers here.

S. Diego Aircraft Men Organizing

SAN DIEGO—About 100 members of Machinists Local 389 saw over 20 more aircraft factory workers initiated recently. There was a special aircraft meeting on August 25, and aircraft workers have been joining the local ever since.

The object is to get all the key men in the Consolidated Aircraft plant into the union.

New Open Shoppers Outfit Formed In Long Beach

LONG BEACH.—The Industrial Relations Association, an employers organization is being formed with 3300 groups under 15 classifications according to George O. Smith, Executive Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce.

"It is hoped that it will do away with strong arm methods of radical elements and preserve the 'American plan,'" he said. By this he meant company unionism.

LABOR CAN'T FORGET MOONEY AND BILLINGS



THE FIGHT FOR TOM MOONEY and Warren K. Billings must be redoubled by organized abor, for they symbolize the aspirations and fighting spirit of organized labor today. Photo was aken during recent hearings on Mooney case before a state referee. Much new evidence showing innocence of Mooney and Bililngs was unearthed.

COURT BLESSES OPEN SHOPPERS

Supreme Court Okehs Anti-Picket Law

LONG BEACH—The California Supreme Court has lined up with the big open shop interests against picketing and for the drive to halt organized labor's onward march.

Declaring the Long Beach anti-picketing ordinance constitutional, the Supreme Court denied a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Howard J. Barker, held in Long Beach city jail for picketing the unfair Richmaid Dairies.

The Teamsters Union struck the Richmaid plants. Attorneys for the Union plan a new move to get the ordinance declared unconstitutional. They will state that it interferes with the lawful right to picket under peaceful conditions.

The San Pedro Teamsters Union has completed 40 agreements in the past two weeks.

In an agreement with Graham Brothers, trucking concern, all transit mixer drivers get 70 cents an hour, retroactive to Sep. tember 1.

The 50 armed thugs hired by Richmaid at the beginning of the strike have now disappeared.

Fishy Talk By An Open Shopper

LOS ANGELES.—Leaving his job as personnel manager for General Motors here to become General Manager of the Merchant and Manufacturers Association Fred R. (believe it or not) Fysh released a statement that plainly indicates the M. & M. is preparing for a finish fight to maintain scab wages and conditions in Los Angeles.

Fysh is closely conected with the Southern California section of the "Liberty" League. His statement follows:

"I am setting out wholeheartedly to accomplish the objectives briefly outlined by the newly-appointed executive committee of the association.

"Our sole aim will be the maintenance of industrial peace so that employe and employer may work and carry on business without coercion, intimidation or lawlessness, the tactics which have been employed to enslave an industry in the Northwest, and which have been started for the same purpose in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

"These tactics are unlawful, and the objective they contemplate is un-American. Freedom to contract is a right guaranteed by our Constitution, and industrial freedom is a valuable Los Angeles tradition. We propose to maintain it for the benefit of employe as well as employer."

$3 Daily Wage, 8-Hr. Day Sought by Farm Union In Stockton

STOCKTON.—The 8-hour day and a $3 a day minimum is the fighting slogan of Agricultural Workers Union Local 20221 in this vicinity.

The union also seeks time and a half for overtime, double time for all Sunday work, and free transportation to and from all jobs.

MASS MEETING FOR MODESTO BOYS SEPT. 20

SAN FRANCISCO.—A mass meeting for the defense of the Modesto maritime workers framed and sent to San Quentin last year will be held at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Sutter and Van Ness Ave. here, September 20.

Main speakers will include Aaron Sapiro, attorney for the defense; Edward Vandeleur, president of the S.F. Labor Council and the State Federation of Labor; and William Fischer, president of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

The East Bay Theatre Union will present the famous taxi-strike play "Waiting For Lefty."

The meeting is sponsored by the Modesto Defense Committee.

Screen Guild Is Growing Fast

HOLLYWOOD.—Suspension by the Actors' Equity Association of 25 prominent stars, who are now active in pictures, has been requested by the Screen Actors' Guild, because they have refused to become members of the Guild.

This action was in accord with a reciprocal contract with Equity wherein members playing in pictures must join the Guild.

Many prominent in the film colony were placed upon the list for suspension including John and Lionel Barrymore, Lionel Atwell, Alice Brady, Eric Linden, Jack Oakie and Dorothy Lee.

If this suspension goes through it would mean that these players would not appear in any Equity stage show.

At the same time the Guild announced the signing of 34 new members, among whom are Michael Bartlett, E. E. Cline, Preston Foster, Ruby Keeler and Ann Preston.

Butchers Sign Up 3 Big Groups

SAN FRANCISCO. — Three new large groups have been organized into Butchers Local 115 here. About 100% of the workers in the San Francisco and South San Francisco slaughter houses joined up.

About 150 workers in the wholesale fish markets and 125 in the retail fish markets have also signed up with the local.

This is part of a state-wide organization drive of the Butchers. Negotiations are being carried on for a butchers' working agreement in San Diego.

Recently business manager Maxwell negotiated an agreemnt in Portland, Ore., providing a $38 weekly minimum wage and an 8-hour day. Maxwell is also president of the Western Federation of Butchers whose 1937 convention will be held in Santa Cruz.

LINK IN OPEN SHOP CHAIN

Purpose of L. Beach Labor Bureau

LONG BEACH—Mayor Eaton's hand-picked Labor Relation Bureau has been meeting in secret, with its first case to be arbitrated, it is reported.

The personnel of this committee seems shrouded in mystery It is believed that J. C. Coulter State Federation vice-president and secretary of the Long Beach Oil Workers Union, is "representing" labor.

The Oil Workers refused to give Eaton's appointment of Coulter their outright approval. They requested Coulter obtain his authority from the Central Labor Council.

To date there has been no public announcement of such approval by the Council.

With only one labor representative on a committee of five, and with absolutely no authority, the only function left for such a group is the issuance of anti-labor statements, which can be used as keynotes by the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants and Manufacturers in their Fascist open-shop activities.

The committee seems to be a new link in the open shoppers chain against organized labor.

Hawaii Sugar Mills Grant 8-Hour Day

HONOLULU. — Labor unrest on the sugar plantations of Hawaii has forced the big companies to grant the 8-hour day for workers in plantation sugar mills after January 1, 1937.

Sugar plantation workers have repeatedly of late expressed determination to get a fair share of the huge profits made by plantation owners. This had a salutary effect on the companies. The Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association recommended the change to the 8-hour day.

If and when the plan is adopted about 11,000 workers will be affected by it. Workers would be paid overtime wages in case of emergencies requiring more than 8-hours work a day.

It is reported that the Association plans also to cover with the plan planting, shops and pumping stations.

Last year labor unrest forced granting of bonus payments.

Nat'l. Reemployment Service Works With Marysville Growers

MARYSVILLE.—The National Re-employment Service, which listens attentively to every request of the growers, has a nice trick for insuring a surplus of workers for every job.

In Marysville, for instance, the N.R.S. constantly sends the workers on wild goose chases, to ranches where jobs are already filled.

The N.R.S. works closely with the growers, of course, and their arrangement is such that they don't actually hire workers, but refer them to jobs—often that are already filled.

This is no money out of the pockets of the growers or the N.R.S. but is another expense that the worker can't afford.

PRAISE RADIO UNION

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—John Brophy, director of the C.I.O., wired praise to the Convention of the Radio and Electrical Workers Union, here, citing the growth of the union.

ORGANIZE L.A. SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYEES INTO AFL

LOS ANGELES—A successful meeting was held here in the Musicians' Hall by the A.F.L. Stationary Engineers Union, Local 72, for the purpose of drawing into the union the non-teaching employees of the Board of Education.

C. J. Haggerty of the Building Trades Council and Commissioner of the Civil Service Board, explained to 100 highly interested workers the values and aims of trade unions.

A satisfactory number of school board employees responded to business agent Charles M. Knowlton's address when they applied for union membership.

Knowlton explained that the unionization of the non-teaching schoolboard employees is sorely needed, for they are underpaid and their working conditions are far from favorable.

He said that wages were entirely disproportionate to what is paid elsewhere in the country and gave as an example the $200 per month paid the Chief Engineer at the Los Angeles General Hospital against $6000 for the same position at the Belleview Hospital in New York. He said that in San Francisco the wages were 20 to 25 per cent higher than in Los Angeles.

The initiation fee in this membership drive has been reduced to $2.50 and the dues have been also reduced. While custodians assistant custodians, engineers and janitors were urged to join, it was explained that at present no provision was at hand to accept into the union gardeners and nightwatchmen, nor are women permitted, though many are elizible except for the union stipulation against them.

Another organizational meeting will be held October 3, 2:00 p. m.

LONG BEACH LABOR COUNCIL HITS SUSPENSION OF CIO BY VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

William Green Notified of Action of Labor Body In Southern California

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Central Labor Council has gone on record condemning the A.F.L. Executive Council for its suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions.

A letter was sent to William Green, notifying him of the Council's action, and requesting that the suspension be stopped.

The Council's action was approved by a more than two-thirds majority. This shows that organized labor of this community recognizes in the split just the opportunity that the Merchants and Manufacturers and the Industrial Associations have been hoping for.

C. Costa Council Hits Vigilantes

RICHMOND, Cal.—At a previous meeting of the Carquinez Local No. 51 of the Mine, Mill and Smelters Union, a resolution condemning vigilantism and asking for a permanent committee to be set up to combat these fascist tendencies of the large employers, etc., was passed and a copy sent to the Central Labor Council asking that body to adopt the same.

At the last meeting of the Council the resolution came up and was adopted. It was pointed out that when the orange pickers of So. Calif. attempted to organize, strike and picket, that vigilantes were called out by the large growers to break the strike.

The fear that such methods are spreading to the northern part of the state has prompted the Carquinez local 51 to ask the cooperation of all organized labor to help in the stamping out of such illegal activities.

Borax Union Picket Line In L. Beach

LONG BEACH. — A Borax Workers Union picket line will cover the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbor area, in the union's struggle against the unfair American Chemical Company.

This company has answered the employees' attempt to organize into the A.F.L. with dismissals and deportation from the company-owned town of Trona.

Most of the company's products are shipped as war material to Japan, and fascist Italy and Germany, through this harbor.

SF Gets Next Int'l. Culinary Meet

SAN FRANCISCO.—This city will be the scene of the next international convention of the culinary crafts' international. The next convention will be held in 1938.

Edward Flore was reelected international president, and secretary Hesketh was also reelected.

Hugo Ernst, Culinary crafts leader of San Francisco, was reelected as vice-president for the West Coast, a position he has held for many years.

Pedro Clerks Make Demands On The Shipowners

SAN PEDRO.—Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Typists and Assistants Union here have presented demands to the waterfront employers for collective bargaining, a 40-hour week, a minimum wage scale for the various classifications and time and a half for overtime.

Members of the union, totaling about 150 are mainly employed in steamship offices in the harbor area.

According to A. H. ("Pedro Pete") Peterson, business agent of the clerical workers union, if the demands are ignored the union will appeal to the National Labor Relations Board.

Peterson, formerly organizer for the I.L.A., was defeated in the last election in the union.

NEW CHEMICAL UNION GAINS

Watch Its Smoke From Now On

PITTSBURG, Cal.—Newly organized, Chemical Workers Union Local 20280, is making rapid strides. At one recent meeting presided over by Ole Oleson, 49 new members were obligated, a big addition to the already large membership.

An educational committee has been established, and there will be talks on the labor movement.

This is a live local and its progress is pleasing union labor here. More applicants for admission are expected at each future meeting.

AFL, Legion In L.A. Fight

LOS ANGELES. — The City Council was put on the spot when it stood between the opposing forces of reactionary American Legion officials, on the one hand, and militant trade union men, on the other; not to mention the influence of police officials somewhere in the background.

Determined not to permit Los Angeles to be represented at the American Legion national convention to be held in Cleveland soon by a union band, Legion and police officials first connived to send the Police Band on a prize trip which had been won in fair competition by the Musicians' Post Band, which is composed of union men.

Labor Council Steps In

The Musicians' Union appealed to the Central Labor Council. A resolution was passed and sent to the City Council condemning the appropriation of the prize and requesting that it be turned over to its rightful owners.

Legion officials appeared in the Council chambers and asked not only for transportation for the Hollywood Post Band, but also for its string orchestra and ritualistic team. The Police Band was not mentioned, thanks to the Central Labor Council.

With the one dissenting vote of Councilman Evan Lewis, the Council bowed to the Legion officials' pressure, which came in the guise of "furtherance of the plan to bring the national convention here in 1937."

Pressure of 30,000 AFL Members

On the other hand was the pressure of the 30,000 union men who had marched past the Council Chambers yesterday, and to this the Council bowed, also, for they approved an appropriation of $7,000 to defray expenses of both bands.

This is especially significant when it is understood that last Thursday in a secret caucus the Council agreed upon a fund of $3,500 which was to be used for the Hollywood Post. Today they had doubled the figure to include the prize-winning Musicians' Band of union men.

Cable Car Platform Men In SF Are Now 100% Organized

SAN FRANCISCO.—Platform men on the California Street cable line have for the first time been organized 100% by the Street Car Men's Union.

Efforts of Vice-President Shelley of the Central Labor County aided in bringing this about. These men have been working a 10-hour day and the union seeks an 8-hour day as a first step.

SUSPENSION IS "ILLEGAL"

DENVER—The action of the A.F.L. Executive Committee in suspending the C.I.O. unions is "unconstitutional and illegal," according to the Denver Central Labor Council.